Recognized Authority on Connellsville Coke Trade.

The Weekly Courier.

Circulates Wherever Coke Is Manufactured or Used.

VOL. 40. NO. 35. CONNELLSVILLE, PA., THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 8 1917 EIGHT PAGES.

Prices and Prospects.

CONSUMERS REALIZING THAT COKE WILL BE SCARCE ALL YEAR

Feeling Evidenced by More Inquires for the Second Half.

FOUNDRY BECOMES ACTIVE

Considerable Movement as Prices Rise by Stages From $6.50 to the Old Figure of $8.50; No Definite Developments in Furnace For Last Half.

Special to The Weekly Courier

PITTSBURG March 7—Sundays snowfall easily the heaviest of the season, has not interrupted traffic as much as was expected, as conditions are already improved. There were fairly good car supplies Monday though on the whole not as good as the previous Monday. Yesterday brought about a 60 per cent supply and today s is hardly as good. Monday morning there was a flurry in the spot furnace coke market and as high as $12 50 is reported to have been paid yesterday and today the maximum has been $11 50 with some coke offered at less. Spot foundry is unchanged from a week ago though on Saturday as high as $15 was again paid.

There has been a decided change in the attitude of coke consumers as to supplies in the second half of the year. The feeling that coke is going to be very scarce all year has spread and the evidence is found in there being much more inquiry. The same feeling obtains in the coal market, there being a heavy inquiry from consumers who would willingly pay over $3 00 for Pittsburg district coal for the twelvemonth beginning April 1 when a few weeks ago there was little interest in coal at that figure.

There has been a short and sharp movement in foundry coke for the second half of this year quite unexpected since the time is unprecedentedly early for such business. Usually it is put through in June. The last year the first movement occurred about the middle of April. On the first important inquiry one or two producers of foundry coke made a price of $6 50 for the second half soon advancing to $7 00. When they found sales effected so readily at $7 00 there was a larger movement resulting in the withdrawal of that price by all who were making it. There were two or three regular sellers while one or two other producers closed contracts with regular customers when they saw that otherwise they would lose them. Some prominent producers refused to sell at all despite the insistent inquiry. The lowest quotation now for second half is $7 50 and this is made by very few producers while the old figure of $8 50 for first half seems to stand. A few blast furnace interests have been sounding the market for furnace coke for second half but nothing definite has developed thus far. Some producers have been considering a quotation of $8 00 but the position is untenable as yet seeing what has been done in the foundry grade. It is certain that $6 00 spoken of a couple months ago as a price some operators would accept is now out of the question, and $7 50 seems to be a fair minimum while at $8 50 was done some time ago for first quarter these two figures may be taken as the range making the market on the whole quotable as follows

Spot furnace	$10 00@$11 50
Contract furnace	$ 8 50@$8 50
Spot foundry	$12 00@$14 00
Contract foundry	$ 00@$8 50

The coal market, as noted is displaying a much stronger tone for the deliveries along with the coke market. Some lake contracts have been closed without price being named the buyer being content to have the going price written into the contract when the time comes. There is more contract coal to be had at $3 00 and there is talk of $3 5 becoming a settling basis for the year beginning April 1.

Since foundry pig iron began being above $30 00 Valley there has been a market only for early delivery, nothing being done on second half. In the past few days a second half market has opened initial sales being three lots aggregating over 1,000 tons at $35 00 Valley for second half and reports are that $3 00 was secured in one case. Basic iron remains at $30 00 for any delivery but an advance is predicted. As basic and foundry cost about the same to produce the spread will have to be bridged eventually and it looks as though it would be bridged by basic advancing. The market is now quotable as follows

Bessemer	$35 00@$36 00
Basic	$30 00
No. 2 foundry	$35 00@$35 00
Malleable	$35 00@$36 00

These prices are f. o. b. Valley furnaces prices delivered Pittsburg being higher by the 95 cents freight.

Average prices of spot coke have been as follows

	Furnace	Foundry
January	$ 9 44	$10 93
February	10 5[illegible]	1[illegible] 10

W. P. Snyder & Company announce their computations of average prices paid in February at $30 00 Valley for basic pig iron unchanged from January, and $35 418, Valley, for Bessemer, against $35 00 in January. Foundry iron for second half has been nominally $30 00 for both months, the same as basic iron, prompt bringing more

COKE FREIGHT RATES

The freight rates on coke from the Connellsville district which includes what is officially known as the Connellsville region (sometimes called the Basin district) and the Lower Connellsville region (often called the Klondike and some lines the Masontown district) to principal points of shipment are as follows per net ton of 2 000 pounds

Destination	Rate
Baltimore	$1 80
Buffalo	1 85
Canton	1 40
Chicago	2 50
Cleveland	1 60
Columbus	1 65
Detroit	2 10
East St Louis	2 80
Erie	1 65
Harrisburg	1 70
Joliet	2 50
Louisville	2 51
Milwaukee	2 85
New York	2 55
Philadelphia	2 05
Pittsburg	75
Port Henry N Y	2 80
Pottstown	1 95
Reading	1 95
Richmond Va	2 94
South Bethlehem	2 00
Swedeland Pa	2 00
Toledo O	1 85
Wheeling	1 20
Valley Points	1 20

STEEL PRICES ADVANCED

Mill Bookings Largely of a Routine Character, Disposition to Cover Requirements to End of Year.

Special to The Weekly Courier

NEW YORK Mar 7—The American Metal Market and Daily Iron & Steel Report will review the steel and iron trade tomorrow as follows

All the regular wire products as well as standard steel pipe line pipe and oil country goods were advanced Monday by $4 a ton. On the same day refined iron bars at Pittsburg were advanced $5 a ton and chain was advanced $10 a ton.

The advances that have occurred in steel products since the German peace proposal of December 12th can no longer be regarded as sporadic or exceptional. There has been enough of them to affect the general average of steel products whereby an exact comparison shows that since December 12th the advance in the average price of all steel products has proceeded at a rate one fourth greater than the average advance from January 1 1915 when the market started upwards to December 12th last. There is a prediction that bars plates and shapes will be advanced within a few days.

Steel mill bookings are largely of routine character, by way of covering regular customers for additional periods as the time passes. The automobile and agricultural implement trade has been largely covered on steel bars for the second half of this year but it appears that the bulk of their sheets is still to be bought.

While new projects involving the consumption of steel are unimportant there is decidedly more desire on the part of buyers to cover for regular requirements to the end of the year and there has arisen a strong disposition on the part of coal and coke consumers to secure contracts from producers. There has been quite a movement in second half foundry coke while there is more inquiry for coal for the year beginning April 1st than operators are willing to quote upon. The wide spread disposition to cover is usually attributed to the prospect of war—perhaps through the referendum first proposed by the pacifists.

Last Sunday the greatest snowfall of the season occurred in the central west being heaviest at Pittsburg but its effect upon the railroads is already decreasing and within a few days transportation conditions are likely to be better than for three months though complete relief may not come even with summer.

JANUARY TONNAGE

Of Coal Exceeded Expectations in Spite of Traffic Congestion

A greater tonnage of coal was mined during January than in any other month in the history of the industry according to C. E. Lesher statistician of the United States Geological Survey. None had predicted that the record breaking tonnage of January 1916 would be surpassed. January of this year had the advantage of one working day more than did January 1916 but on the other hand congestion on some railroads caused a considerable reduction in production that otherwise would have been made.

The congestion in Pennsylvania was so severe as to be mainly responsible for a decrease in the production of that state during January of this year as compared with January 1916.

Buying Locomotives.

Traffic conditions appear to be forcing a continued heavy buying of motive power by the railroads. The Lehigh Valley railroad has contracted for 56 Baldwin locomotives and the Union Pacific for 84

Review of the Connellsville Coke Trade.

Statistical Summary.

PRODUCTION.	Week Ending March 3, 1917.				Week Ending Feb 24, 1917.			
DISTRICT	Ovens	In	Out	Tons	Ovens	In	Out	Tons
Connellsville	20,679	18,518	1,831	176 2[illegible]1	20,671	18,365	1,714	188 736
Lower Connellsville	17,645	16,050	1,565	170 212	17 645	16,015	1 600	164,725
Totals	38,324	34 128	3 396	346 463	38,324	35,010	3314	353 461
FURNACE OVENS								
Connellsville	16,984	15,833	1 1 1	147,0[illegible]	16 984	15 798	1,186	156 746
Lower Connellsville	5,826	5,418	408	55,762	5,826	5 392	434	54 405
Totals	22,810	21,251	1 559	205,716	22,810	21,190	1 620	211 1[illegible]1
MERCHANT OVENS								
Connellsville	3 695	3,015	680	28,297	3 695	167	528	31 990
Lower Connellsville	11 819	10,662	1 1 7	114,450	11,819	10 [illegible]	1,166	110 320
Totals	15 514	13,677	1,837	142,747	15,514	13,820	1 694	142 310

SHIPMENTS	Week Ending March 3, 1917.		Week Ending Feb. 24, 1917.	
To Pittsburg	1,591 Cars	126,534 Tons	3,263 Cars.	111 909 Tons
To Points West of Pittsburg	4 426 Cars	152,119 Tons	4 310 Cars	180 856 Tons*
To Points East of the Region	1 797 Cars	61,057 Tons	1 641 Cars	57,220 Tons.
Totals	9,514 Cars	342 730 Tons.	9,214 Cars	353,985 Tons

*Includes 1 000 Tons by River.

BLANKET TAX LAW MAY COVER COAL, OIL, GAS, QUARRIES

New Revenue Measure of This Kind is Taking Form at Harrisburg.

DATA FROM OTHER STATES

Being Sought by Attorney General Proposition is Favored by the Revenue Commission Including a Plan to Distribute Part of the Income

There is a growing sentiment at Harrisburg that a coal taxing measure of some sort will be enacted by the present legislature. Whether it will be the Davis bill imposing a tax of 2½ per cent on every ton mined or in some other form has not been determined.

Attorney General Brown has given it as his opinion that the Davis bill could be constitutional hence will come the defect in the Dawson law passed at the last session imposing a tax on anthracite coal only. The Attorney General would drop the measure however toward a general bill that would impose a tax upon anthracite and bituminous coal and upon the products of all quarries gas and oil wells within the state. Preparators to the introduction of such a bill the Attorney General is planning to get into communication with the authorities in other states in order to obtain information relating to tax measures of this character now in force in some of the states.

Preliminary discussion of a coal tax led to the understanding by the commission that the Davis bill will make way for a measure which will impose a tax upon oil gasoline and quarry products as well as upon coal. The experience of West Virginia in raising much of its revenue by taxing such resources will be detailed to the Legislative commission at its next session. Practically all of the tax will be upon the value of the product as marketed.

Senator W. C. Sproul chairman of the revenue commission declared himself as favoring a tax upon the state's resources with a distribution of a portion of the tax to the community in which the tax is imposed. The importance of such a legislative step to the anthracite region especially which is demanding some relief from property destruction caused by the production of its mine a wealth cannot be over estimated.

Representative M. A. Milliron of Armstrong county where bituminous coal is produced has declared that the bituminous operators cannot well oppose a tax upon their products especially at this time when fortunes are being made in the coal business. The commission is disposed to regard the tax with a distribution feature as favorable.

Jefferson W. Smith of Philadelphia has introduced a bill to repeal the Dawson coal tax act of 1915. Representative Dawson insists that there is a chance that his act may be held to be constitutional by the Supreme Court and that the attempted repealer has strengthened his opinion in this respect.

WIN IN OHIO

Railroads Allowed Their Rate for Hauling Slag in That State.

The Ohio Utilities Commission has dismissed the complaint of the steel industries of that state against the railroads rate of 20 cents a ton for hauling waste slag.

The decision parallels one handed down by the Interstate Commerce Commission.

To Sink Two Shafts.

C. W. Braznell purchaser of two tracts of coal fronting on the Monongahela river between Denbo and Vesta mine No 5 has awarded contracts for sinking shafts for development of the property.

LAKE CARGO RATE CASE CLOSED

Connellsville Coal Tariff Association Contends Rate Should Apply to Coal From the Connellsville Region

WASHINGTON Mar [illegible] The hearing in the lake cargo rate case which began before Examiner [illegible] of the Interstate Commerce Commission on February [illegible] closed [illegible] to offer [illegible] the exception [illegible] April [illegible] in [illegible] of service [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible]

[illegible] Connellsville Coal Tariff Association [illegible] exhibits [illegible] cargo rates by which the justified the contention of the Connellsville operators that [illegible] be applied to lake cargo coal shipped from the Connellsville region [illegible] that all [illegible] April [illegible] the Counsel in the case [illegible]

COAL TARIFF MEN MEET

Reports For Year Submitted at Annual Session in Pittsburg

The annual meeting of the Connellsville Coal Tariff Association was held at the Duquesne Club Pittsburg Tuesday. The meeting was largely attended by members of the association and great interest was manifested in the reports submitted by Richard Peter Jr chairman Scott Stewart chairman of the legal committee and R. M. [illegible] secretary and treasurer.

The following were elected members of the executive committee to serve for the ensuing year. Scott Stewart general manager W. J. Rainey interests chairman E. M. [illegible] general manager Orient Coke company secretary and treasurer C. G. Lenhart vice president Producers Coke Company J. T. Perry general manager of mines Republic Iron & Steel Company J. H. Hillman Jr. Hillman interests W. J. Byers sales manager Producers Coke Company and Thomas McCaffrey general superintendent Brier Hill Coke Company.

A MINE IN A DAY

Frostburg Man Makes a Record in a Opening a New Operation.

H. G. Evans of Frostburg Md has made a record in mine opening never before equalled in that region. No coal was in sight when he started a force of men in the morning but they were fortunate enough after removing a few loads of dirt to find the coal on the outcrop of the big vein coal exceptionally high and running over nine feet and by afternoon they were shipping coal.

Wagons are used in transporting the coal from the mine to the Cumberland & Pennsylvania railroad.

VESSEL CONSTRUCTION

Tonnage Now Building or Under Contract Largest in History of U. S.

There were 415 steel merchant vessels of 1,530 thousand gross tons building or under contract to build in American shipyards on February 1st compared with 403 such ships of 496 thousand gross tons building or under contract to be built on January 1st.

The February 1st tonnage was larger than has ever before been under construction in American shipyards at any one time.

New Railroad Planned

A new railroad is said to be planned for Nutwood O to Terrell Pa joining the latter place with a 200 acre tract of land in Ohio recently purchased by the New York Central railroad.

TRAFFIC RELIEF MAKES SLOW BUT SLIGHT PROGRESS

Was Set Back By the Blizzard and the Inauguration Excursions.

A COMPLICATION COMING

Limit of Time for Compliance With the Coupler Law July 1st Will Find 100,000 or More Cars Unequipped May be Withdrawn From Service

The [illegible]

The easement [illegible] was [illegible] snow fall [illegible] inauguration traffic [illegible] present [illegible]

[illegible] that [illegible] public [illegible] Pennsylvania [illegible] Harrisburg [illegible] embargo committee composed of experienced men [illegible] for [illegible] expeditions [illegible] freight [illegible] the east and [illegible] west.

[illegible] was made during last week in clearing [illegible] the latter half of March [illegible] would have [illegible] possible [illegible] shortly [illegible] restriction on the movement of domestic freight in either direction through the [illegible]

It is planned to continue in effect indefinitely the general embargo against export freight at New York Philadelphia and Baltimore. Such freight as heretofore will be accepted only when shippers present satisfactory evidence that adequate vessel space has been engaged and that the cars will be unloaded promptly. This practice will be maintained in order that export freight traffic may be controlled strictly and the movement of foodstuffs coal and coke and other necessities for domestic consumption may be as free as possible.

While present difficulties are sufficient to occupy the time and attention of railway officials they are reminded that the success of their efforts in the direction of efficient of conditions is being threatened by another serious complication. This is expected to develop from the mandatory character of the law requiring all freight cars in commission to be equipped with certain safety appliances by July 1 next. Already more than 25000 such cars have been put in condition to comply fully with the requirements of the law the work having been distributed over a period of seven years and the work is proceeding as rapidly as possible according to the railroads. However it is certain that approximately 100,000 cars will be lacking their full equipment when the time limit shall have expired although all of them will have been outfitted with the chief essentials of automobiles and automatic couplers, the changes remaining to be made being in the grab irons which greater clearances will be provided insuring brakemen against barking their knuckles.

The roads have applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for an extension of time till July 1 1918 otherwise it will be necessary to retire the cars in question which in view of existing conditions would be little short of calamitous since there will be none to replace them.

Ferromanganese Firm.

Ferro manganese continues firm with sales of domestic at $250 to $300

Production and Output.

WEEK END PETERING OUT OF CAR SUPPLY CUTS COKE SHIPMENTS

COKE TRADE SUMMARY

[illegible]

Total of 342,000 Tons Shows Loss of 10,000 During Past Week.

ACUTE SITUATION TODAY

Region is Practically Without Empty Cars for Day's Loading; Available Supply Not in Sight, Worst Development Since Shortage Began in Fall

The petering out of the car supply at the end of a week was but another illustration of the unreliability of any week predictions as to what may be expected in the coke trade under the uncertainties now prevailing. During the first part of the week all indications pointed to the record of the preceding week being surpassed. Had the car supply average of the first half been maintained there is little doubt but that the movement of coke would have been a still nearer approach to the region's normal average.

Under all the circumstances which are the knowledge about the business [illegible] in view of so many entanglements the region did fairly well. The shipments of coke reached a total of 342,000 tons which was practically 11,000 tons less than the previous week when a notable advance was made toward a recovery by an increase of 6[illegible] tons in the weekly movement.

Until car troubles are reduced to that point where it becomes possible to move some of the accumulated stocks coke production will continue to be gaged by shipment. This condition has obtained for some time past and last week with a falling off of about [illegible] tons in estimated output was no exception to the rule. At no time has the region lacked men or facilities to load out all cars that were available. Without any apparent effort production gained on shipments last week by about 4,000 tons representing addition to already large stockpiles.

While the present week including today has had a car supply average which was rather better than was expected following the heavy snows of Sunday a situation has suddenly developed which will probably mark the point of acutest shortage. The only reference from this source being made last No. number for today's loading has been practically with [illegible] out [illegible] at least with so limited a distribution that anything like a general operation of the plants will be impossible. So few cars were available for placing at the plants served by the Monongahela railroad that orders were given to the distributing crews they need not report for duty. About 200 cars which would be placed by the Pennsylvania railroad have been reported in transit but there is no assurance that they will arrive in time to be placed for today's drawing of ovens. The Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad is in about the same situation as the Monongahela.

The estimated production of coke for the week ending Saturday March 3 was 346,463 tons of which the furnace ovens made 205,716 tons a decrease of 5,435 and the merchant ovens 142,747 tons an increase of 437 tons, the net decrease for the week being 6,998 tons. By districts the Connellsville region produced 176,251 tons a loss of 12,485 and the Lower Connellsville region 170,212 tons a gain of 5,487.

Shipments for the week ending Saturday March 3 aggregated 9,514 cars carrying 342,730 tons consigned as follows

	Cars	Tons
Pittsburg District	3,591	126 55[illegible]
West of Pittsburg	4 426	152 11[illegible]
East of Connellsville	1 797	64 05[illegible]

No shipments were made by river during the week. The Pittsburg district was the greatest gainer 11,645 tons more having gone to that destination than during the previous week. Eastern shipments gained 6,737 tons to a total of 64,057 which is about 11,000 tons better than the previous best record of the year to these points. Western shipments declined 28,737 tons against a gain of 51,530 of the preceding week.

MAY ATTACH LAND.

Thompson Property in W. Va., Open to Judgments

WASHINGTON March 7—Creditors of Josiah V. Thompson wealthy mine operator of Uniontown Pa by a Supreme Court ruling may proceed to attach his extensive West Virginia coal lands for their debts.

The court today refused to review a dismissal of a suit brought by Jacob S. Hill of Wheeling W. Va to appoint a receiver for Thompson's West Virginia property and to prevent its attachment and forced sale. Thompson's holdings are estimated to be worth $70,000,000 and his obligations $2[illegible]

Coal and Coke Shipments.

During January there was a decrease of 35,217 short tons in the movement of coal and coke hauled by the Pennsylvania Railroad Company's lines east of Pittsburg and Erie as compared with January 1916. The amount of traffic was as follows. Anthracite 989,219 tons bituminous, 4,253 039 tons, coke 1 078 900 tons.

A NOTABLE NET INCREASE

In Shipments From the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Districts Makes Record Week.

In the matter of a notable increase in shipments last week to a total of [illegible] the Upper Connellsville and Greensburg Connellsville districts the [illegible] the lowest incident to the [illegible] last month and [illegible] record of [illegible] tons of [illegible] in the weeks bring the district nearly within a [illegible] of the week's average of [illegible]

[illegible] was a bad [illegible] rough [illegible] supply and service for [illegible] western ship[illegible] having shown a very marked [illegible] condition [illegible] since [illegible] gains [illegible] of the month.

Shipments from the two districts for the week ending Saturday March 3 were as follows

[illegible]

[illegible] western shipments during the preceding week was transformed into a loss [illegible] the equivalent amount of [illegible] tons. The gain to eastern points was 7,[illegible] tons making the net gain for the two districts [illegible] tons. The [illegible] came from the Greensburg Connellsville district with its increase of [illegible] tons the Upper Connellsville district having fallen off [illegible] tons.

The following tabulation shows the output of the districts [illegible] weeks in net tons for 1917 to date

Week Ending	Upper Connellsville	Greensburg Connellsville	Total Tons
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

The output of the two districts was consigned [illegible] weeks during 1917 to date as follows

Week	East	West	Total
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

HUFF HEIRS SELL.

Inland Coal Company Purchases 2000 Acres of Westmoreland Coal

Heirs of the late Colonel George F. Huff have sold more than [illegible] acres of coal land in Hempfield and Derry townships Westmoreland county to the Inland Coal Company a corporation made up of Greensburg people.

A mortgage for $[illegible] in favor of the Commercial Trust Company of Pittsburg covering the property purchased has been recorded.

Weekly Coke Production

The weekly record of production and output of the Connellsville and Lower Connellsville regions for 1917 to date is shown in net tons in the following tabulation

Week				Shipments
[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]	[illegible]

To Build More Ovens

The Chattanooga Gas & Coal Products Company Chattanooga Tenn has awarded a contract for 25 by product coke ovens for its Alton Park plant to the Semet Solvay Company

STATE MEDIATION BOARD OFFERS AID TO AVOID STRIKES

M. F. Frederick, Member of the Commission, Confers With Union Leaders.

FLORENCE TROUBLE OVER

Mr. Frederick and State Factory Inspector James S. Darr Assist In Bringing About Better Feeling Between Strikers and Employers.

M. F. Frederick, a member of the State Mediation Board, who assisted in the settlement of the strike at Florence mine earlier in the week, conferred with B. W. Ellis and A. H. Shaffer officers of the Trades and Labor Council here Thursday night in regard to plans for the avoidance of strikes and walkouts.

Mr. Frederick asked that in case of impending trouble in any line of work the board be notified. A representative will be sent on at once, he said, to help adjust the difficulty amicably.

Mr. Frederick and State Factory Inspector James S. Darr of Connellsville only Thursday returned from Dawson, where they had been looking into the Florence strike. Inspector Darr and Mr. Frederick assisted in bringing about a better feeing between employes and operators of the Florence mines, the men having already returned to work.

Inspector Darr is now required to make a report on all strikes or threatened strikes in his territory. In the case of a threatened strike or lockout, he requests those concerned to hold off for a few days, in which time a mediator will be sent from the department of labor and industry in Harrisburg, who will work with the sole aim of securing an amicable settlement of the difficulties.

Since the last session of the legislature, when this regulation went into effect, special representatives of the state have prevented and settled quite a number of strikes, Mr. Darr said this morning, in explaining just what course he and Mr. Frederick followed at Florence.

The Florence miners were out on Saturday and Monday, and on Tuesday all but a few of them returned to work, without being granted the advance of wages which they desired. On the arrival of Mr. Frederick, all were induced to return to work. They had asked 75 cents instead of 55 for "shooting" a car of coal, claiming that the high cost of living made the increase necessary. The operators pointed out, however, that they were paying the regular scale of wages prevailing throughout the region, and that with their present contracts it would be impossible for them to raise the men's wages. About 75 men walked out.

Reports of trouble at the mines was denied by all concerned. The deputies at the plant, it was intimated today, were placed there to prohibit labor agents from taking the striking workmen.

Mr. Frederick, having done all he could to promote good feeling at Florence, left this morning for Beaver Falls, having received a telegram from Harrisburg, instructing him that he was to act as mediator in a strike at that place.

B. & O. FREIGHT RECORD.

Railroad Handles 39,118 Cars During a 24 Hour Period.

The Baltimore & Ohio railroad handled 39,118 cars in freight trains during the 24 hours ended midnight, February 26, and during the same period 10,030 cars were loaded at industrial plants, mines, factories, mills and other sources of production local to the company's rails.

The figures both for cars handled and loaded approach a record for the winter season.

To Argue Dissolution Suith.

March 6th has been fixed as the date upon which the government's appal in the suit to dissolves the United States Steel Corporation will be argued before the Supreme Court.

New Meyersdale Coal Company.

The Black Coal Company has been organized at Meyersdale with a capital stock of $20,000, the incorporators being F. S. Black, F. E. Black and J. M. Black.

TO PROMOTE SAFETY FIRST

State Department of Labor and Industry Distributing a Series of Accident Prevention Posters.

A series of accident prevention posters issued by the state department of labor and industry have been distributed and are being placed in shops throughout Pennsylvania. On all the posters a symbol embracing a cross in a keystone, with the legend "Safety Always," has been printed, the slogan having been adopted in preference to the more-widely used "Safety-First."

The first poster gives merely a few compelling statistics. Accident reports received for six months, it is stated, show over 1,000 persons killed, over 125,000 persons injured, and over $1,000,000 lost in wages by injured. "Fifty per cent of this enormous loss could be prevented," the bulletin reads. "Do your work in a safe way. Is it worth your while?"

"Why take chances when injury is sure to result?" asks the second poster, which contains the picture of a man who lost an arm while adjusting moving machinery. If you oil, repair, or adjust moving machinery, "sooner or later you are bound to suffer for such carelessness," the bulletin goes on to state.

The third poster shows how employes are being killed while not paying attention to their work. The necessity of having switches and switchboards enclosed and of having dry floors and proper floor covering in front of switchboards is emphasized.

"The workman who wishes to avoid accidents dresses properly," is the theme of the fourth bulletin. Two pictures show the dress of the chance taker and of the careful workman, and all are advised to "avoid loose or ragged clothing and to protect the feet from injury by wearing good, sound shoes."

Other posters will likely be issued at later dates.

PENNSY EARNINGS LARGE IN 1916

High Cost of Materials and Labor, However, Makes Expenses High, Too.

The Pennsylvania railroad last year earned $52,276,504 on its lines east of Pittsburg and appropriated $[illegible],928,711 for revision of grades, elimination of grade crossings and betterment of equipment. The new freight station at Connellsville, now under construction, came under this improvement campaign.

The company's report, made public yesterday, shows large increases in gross earnings and a corresponding increase in operating expenses. The operating revenue for the entire system, lines East and West, reached a total of $443,338,364, an increase of $68,399,725. The operating expenses were $334,461,326, an increase of 16 per cent, or $47,436,409, over 1915. Of these expenses $9,022,399 was paid in taxes, an increase of $1,427,995.

During 1916 more than $49,000,000 was spent on road and equipment improvements of the lines East and West of Pittsburg, according to the report. The new equipment consisted of 264 locomotives, 403 passenger cars and 6,252 freight cars.

Scarcity of labor and the high cost of construction materials are presented as reasons for not undertaking the proposed electrification of the main line across the Allegheny mountains, beyond continuing surveys and designing and constructing the type of electric locomotives required.

LIKES SOISSON BRICK.

Montreal Steel Company Orders More From Connellsville Firm.

A fine testimonial for one of Connellsville's products—Soisson fire brick—was received by W. F. Soisson yesterday morning from the Standard Steel Company, Ltd., of Montreal, Canada. It read:

"How soon can you duplicate and at what price our order 1072, June 19, 1916. Brick received from you last summer is giving very good satisfaction. The furnace we built of your brick has been running continuously night and day since last August with practically no repairs."

To Increase Capacity.

The Sloss Sheffield Company of Alabama adopted measures with plans already under way, to increase production far beyond the present capacity of 550,000 tons annually.

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Mar. 3, 1917.

Total Ovens	In Blast	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
			MERCHANT OVENS.	
165		Acme	W J Rainey	New York
183	183	Beatty	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
120	60	Boyer	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
30	30	Brush Run	Brush Run Coke Company	Mt. Pleasant
32		Carolyn	Peerless-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
150	150	Clare	Clare Coke Co	Greensburg
40		Dexter	Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
40	40	Ellen No. 1	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Ellen No. 2	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
100	100	Elizabeth	Unity-Connellsville Coke Co	Greensburg
200	200	Elm Grove	W J Rainey	New York
125	100	Fort Hill	W J Rainey	New York
10		Franklin	Summit-Conn. Coke Co	Connellsville
101	101	Gilmore	Gilmore Coke Co	Uniontown
116	116	Grace	W J Rainey	New York
8	8	Helen	Samuel J Lohr	Youngwood
145	145	Humphrey	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
42		Jimtown	Shannon Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
88		Johnson	Johnson Fuel Co	Uniontown
20		Little Sunshine	King Coke Co	Uniontown
52	32	Love	Coville-Mutual Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40		Magee	Magee Coke Co	Uniontown
84		Mahoning	Mahoning Coal & Coke Co	Dunbar
370	370	Mt. Braddock	W J Rainey	New York
310	310	Mt. Pleasant	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
32	32	Myers	Brownfield-Coville Coke Co	Uniontown
40	40	Nellie	Brown & Cochran	Dawson
60	60	Painter	Newcomer Coke Co	Uniontown
180	180	Peni	W J Rainey	New York
96	60	Rainey	W J Rainey	New York
550	550	Revere	W J Rainey	New York
36	36	Shirey	South Fayette Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
40	40	Thomas	Whyel Coke Co	Uniontown
50		Veteran	Mt. Pleasant Coke Co	Greensburg
57	43	West Penn	West Penn Coke Co	Pittsburg
3,895	3,015			
			FURNACE OVENS.	
280	280	Adelaide	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300		Alverton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
397	380	Bagaley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Bitner	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	240	Brinkerton	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	108	Buckeye	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
260	256	Calumet	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
301	301	Central	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
76	50	Coulbrook	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Collier	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Continental 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	328	Continental 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Continental 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	120	Crossland	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
338	338	Davidson	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
230	196	Dorothy	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
272	272	Hecla No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	241	Hecla No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
260	260	Hecla No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
355	355	Hostetter	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
240	240	Juniata	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
306	306	Kyle	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
496	481	Leisenring 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	481	Leisenring 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
502	422	Leisenring 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
304	304	Leith	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
227	227	Lemont No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
360	360	Lemont No. 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300		Mammoth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	360	Marguerite	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
105	130	Mutual	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
268	268	Oliphant	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
328	328	Oliver No. 1	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
480	300	Oliver No. 2	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Oliver No. 3	Oliver & Snyder Steel Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Phillips	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
443	400	Redstone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
120	80	Rist	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
448	446	Shoaf	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
425	421	Southwest 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
160	121	Southwest 2	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
204	180	Southwest 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
611	611	Standard	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
110	110	Samet-Solvay	Dunbar Furnace Co	Dunbar
80	80	Stewart	Stewart Iron Co	Uniontown
484	404	Trotter	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
360	360	United	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	112	Valley	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
94	94	White	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
368	362	Whitney	Hostetter-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Wynn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
600	600	Yorkrun	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
246	246	Youngstown	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
16,981	13,853			

FOR SALE!

Erie City Four Valve Engine enclosed bed. Built for D. C. generator drive. 13 in. x 18 in. automatic engine. At 1/4 cut off, 100 lbs. pressure 124 r. p. m. to 150 lbs pressure 187 r. p. m.

Weight complete with belt wheel and fly wheel, 19500 lbs.

Length, center shaft to end cylinder, 9 ft. 9 in. Width, 7 ft. 5 in. In excellent condition.

Can be seen on the premises.

Boyts, Porter & Co.

Connellsville, Pa., U. S. A.

M. M. COCHRAN, President. W. HARRY BROWN, Vice President. J. H. PRICE, Sec. and Treas

WASHINGTON COAL & COKE CO.

General Office, DAWSON, FAYETTE COUNTY, PA.

6,000 Tons Daily Capacity. Individual Cars

YOUGHIOGHENY COAL
Steam Gas Coking

CONNELLSVILLE COKE
Furnace and Foundry
Low Sulphur Hard Structure

Shipments via B. & O. R. R. and P. & L. E. R. R. and Connections
N. P. Hyndman, Sales Agent, 511 Wood St., Pittsburg, Pa.

ESTABLISHED 1859 INCORPORATED 1894

JOSEPH SOISSON FIRE BRICK COMPANY

MANUFACTURERS OF

Silica and Fire Clay

BRICK

Special Shapes for Rectangular and Bee Hive Ovens, Furnace and Glass House Material.
Equipped to Take the Largest Contracts for Paving Brick.
High Grade Building and Enamel Brick.
Ship on all railroads.

DAILY CAPACITY 300,000

DAVIDSON MOYER VOLCANO LAYTON KINGSTON — TEN PLANTS: — ENAMEL WILLIAM GLOBE PHOENIX COLUMBIA

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

C. M. WOLFF, General Agent.

Hostetter Connellsville Coke Company

HIGHEST GRADE

Connellsville Coke

Furnace and Foundry Orders Solicited.

Branch Office, Carnegie Building, Pittsburg, Penna. BELL TELEPHONE, 694 COURT.

List of Connellsville Coke Plants

Corrected to May 1, 1916.

Single Copies by Mail in Tube, 25 Cents; Larger Quantities at Less Rates.

Address THE COURIER COMPANY, Connellsville, Pa.

Standard Connellsville Furnace Coke

EXCLUSIVE SELLING AGENTS FOR **3,500,000** TONS ANNUALLY

THE BEST BRANDS IN THE REGION.

Contracts Filled With Good Coke When the Market Is High as Well as When It Is Low.
Good Service Saves Demurrage and Annoyance. First Class Inspection.

LARGE TONNAGE OF **Low Phosphorus Coke** FURNACE COKE.

SMELTER, FOUNDRY, HEATING COKE AND COAL.

PRODUCERS COKE COMPANY, FIRST NATIONAL BANK BUILDING, UNIONTOWN, PA.

MAKES VIGOROUS DENIAL OF COAL MISSTATEMENTS

Secretary Scrugham Corrects a Pittsburg Paper On Recent Sale.

VALUES RE-ESTABLISHED

By Sale to the H. C. Frick Coke Company Which in Turn Enabled Committee and Receivers to Make Other Sales, Which to Date Is $15,000,000.

The disposition of some Pittsburg newspapers to give publicity to incorrect information concerning the sales of Greene county coal has stirred C. R. Scrugham, secretary of the J. V. Thompson's Creditors Committee to make vigorous protest. At the time Judge Van Swearingen handed down his decision sustaining the Thompson receivership and approving the sale of 202 acres of coal to J. G. Butler, Youngstown, O., at $500 per acre, the Pittsburg Leader published a statement to the effect that the consideration to be receivd on this sale was but $250, or "at one-fifth the value fixed by the appraisers." In correction of this statement Secretary Scrugham has written to the editor of The Leader as follows:

"Referring to an article on the last column of your 'home edition' front page, February 22, 1917. This article is under a Uniontown, Pa., date line and as it adjoins the picture of George Washington, should at least state facts.

"Your paper states that the 202-acre sale was made to Joseph G. Butler, Jr., at $250.00 per acre. This sale was made at $500.00 per acre, as shown by the record in the case.

"Your paper states 'The Butler sale is said to be a part of the 12,000-acre purchase made recently by the H. C. Frick Coke Company.' This sale was a separate transaction.

"Your paper states, that 'the Frick purchase represents about one-fifth of Thompson's entire Greene county holdings and were purchased at about one-fifth the valuation placed on Thompson's Greene county holdings by Julian Kennedy, R. C. Crawford and R. M. Hite, appraisers, appointed by the Fayette county court in June, 1915.' This latter statement is false and a serious reflection on the court, receivers and this committee. This 12,000-acre Frick sale was made (as given to the press at the time) for about $7,000,000, an average of more than $575 per acre. The sale included 232 tracts of coal land, appraised at various prices ranging from $400 to $750 per acre, the latter being some 12 tracts on the river front.

"In publishing prices of coal sales of this Thompson coal, we think it is only fair that correct statements be made, especially as they are all matters of record in the circuit court of Fayette county, and, easily obtained from these records or from this committee.

"It is admitted that the sale made to the Frick company re-established coal values in this entire district, as up to that time no sales could be made at any price, while since that sale was announced by us more than $15,000,000 of coal properties have been sold in the district.

"This committee is rendering a public service in its efforts to re-establish coal values in this district, as owing to the immense acreage held by Mr. Thompson any sale made would influence all values, and to say that we were sacrificing this property by making sales at one-fifth of the appraisement is destructive and far from the facts."

WILLARD MAY RESIGN

B. & O. Head to Direct Transportation for U. S. In Case of War.

BALTIMORE, March 2.—To direct probably as a Cabinet officer with a new portfolio to be created, the solving of transportation problems for the government, Daniel Willard is contemplating resigning the presidency of the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, according to a report circulated here.

Although Mr. Willard is a registered Republican, it is known that he exercises an independence in his political views and actions which commands the respect of men of all parties. It is a fact that the Baltimore & Ohio president stands very high in the esteem of President Wilson, at whose solicitation, it is said, Mr. Willard is giving consideration to the offer of a secretaryship in the next Wilson Cabinet.

In the event of war, it is said, Mr. Willard will temporarily resign his position as president of the Baltimore & Ohio system and take over the direction of all transportation of the government military authorities. He will continue in this work as long as his services are needed, or until the end of the war.

BUY COAL LAND.

Washington Herd and M. J. Roland Close Deal for Tract at McClure.

Washington Herd and M. J. Roland Saturday morning purchased 25 acres or surface, two tenement houses and seven acres of coal in Bullskin township, near McClure works, from Mrs. Margaret Barkley. The consideration was not made public.

The local men plan to open the coal immediately. A tipple will be erected and the coal shipped from the McClure sidings.

P. R. R. After Rails.

Having recently withdrawn its inquiry for 205,000 tons of rails for 1918 delivery the Pennsylvania Railroad Company is understood to have renewed inquiry for about 75,000 tons.

FIREBRICK SETS NEW HIGH PRICE

As High As $50 Said to be Paid for Spot Shipment; Refractories Materials Scarce and Advancing

The market for firebrick and refractories materials of all kind continue to strengthen and further advances in prices are expected, says the Daily Iron Trade. Larger manufacturers cannot promise deliveries in from three to four months, and no improvement in shipments likely will be noted until demand for pig iron and finished products decreases considerably.

Sellers of Pennsylvania No. 1 firebrick now are asking as high as $40 a thousand, although the $36 price has not been withdrawn by all makers. As high as $50 a thousand has been paid for immediate shipment, and manufacturers in a position to ship material abroad have no difficulty in obtaining $50 and above for silica brick. Heavy tonnages of silica brick are being shipped to England, Japan and Australia. Managers of foreign steel works appear willing to pay almost any price for brick if specifications for delivery can be met.

Despite the slow movement of freight, caused by railroad embargoes and congested traffic conditions generally, refractory brick makers have been unable to accumulate stocks of any size. Demand for fire brick is so general that most manufacturing interests have been able to move their entire output in one direction or another.

Owners of steel works find it virtually impossible to make necessary furnace repairs, on account of the scarcity of material for lining and bottoms. Dead burned dolomite is being held at $8.50 a ton at the works, and it is likely that the price will be advanced at an early date. Dolomitic sinters are described as scarce.

OPERATORS MAY FIGHT THIS BILL

Representative Maurer Would Make "Vocational Diseases" Cause for Compensation.

HARRISBURG, March 2.—The unanimous opposition of coal operators in the bituminous fields of Pennsylvania, from the Cambria-Clearfield region to the West Virginia-Ohio line, is expected to be brought against a bill introduced in the House yesterday by Representative Maurer of Berks, providing that "vocational diseases" bring an employe under the terms of the workmen's compensation act. Under the terms of this bill miner's asthma would be ground for compensation claims.

The amendment to the workmen's compensation law would add the reasons for compensatory disability insurance; that is, instead of insurance payable only for personal injury—"violence to the physical structure of the body," as the act now reads—the classification would include "such diseases or infections as may be found to be vocational, or to inhere in the condition of the premises, or to result naturally from the operation of the employer's business or affairs thereon."

Not only would miners benefit, but employes of manufacturers of white lead, matches, glass and other products; and these employers are expected to line up with the coal operators against the amendment.

NEW ANTISEPTIC

Used on European War Fronts Being Tested by Frick Surgeons.

A test of the Dakin disinfecting solution is being made at the Memorial Hospital at Mount Pleasant under the direction of Dr. W. A. Marsh. The patient is Jack Nayko of Trauger who is suffering from a badly infected knee.

The Dakin solution was discovered by Alexis Carrell, a Rockefeller institute expert. It came into general use on the battlefields of Europe for the treatment of soldiers with infected wounds. A plaster cast is placed about the wound and in this is inserted an appliance with a number of openings, according to the size of the spot to be treated. From a tank near by the solution drips upon the wound constantly. The solution is claimed to be many times as efficacious as any other disinfectant. It shortens the disability of the patient by about half what it would be if the usual antiseptics were used.

Dr. O'Neil Sherman, chief surgeon for the H. C. Frick Coke company, was impressed with the results of the solution when he made his recent trip to the European battle fronts and he decided to use it for mine accident cases in the coke region.

COKE AT ST. LOUIS.

A Revival in Demand For All Grades Some Fancy Prices Paid.

According to a correspondent of the Daily Iron Trade there has been a revival in the demand for all grades of coke at St. Louis, including both contract and spot. Last week some fancy prices were paid for scattered car lots. One car on track sold on Friday at $17.80. Car shortage still is the paramount factor in the St. Louis market.

At least six St. Louis coke concerns have representatives in the Connellsville field now trying to pry loose cars for movement west.

Scottdale Firm Gets Coal.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse A. Stauffer have sold to the West Overton Coal Company, Ltd., of Scottdale, 20 acres of coal land in East Huntingdon township. The coal is the 9-foot vein of the Connellsville Coal and the consideration was $1,600. The sale was made February 13, and the deed placed on file in the recorder of deeds office at Greensburg yesterday.

Advertise In The Weekly Courier

LIST OF COKE OVENS IN

The Lower Connellsville District

With Their Owners, Address and Ovens in Blast Corrected to Saturday, Mar. 3, 1917.

Total Ovens	In Bl'st	Name of Works.	Name of Operators.	P. O. Address.
			MERCHANT OVENS.	
40	.....	Adah	Adah Coke Company	Uniontown
400	400	Alicia	W. Harry Brown	Alicia, Fay. Co.
298	298	Allison No. 1	W J Rainey	New York
300	300	Allison No. 2	W J Rainey	New York
142	142	American No. 1	American Uvilla C. & C. Co	Pittsburg
240	240	American No. 2	American Uvilla C. & C. Co	Pittsburg
60	.....	Anica	The Wilkey & Feather Coke Co	Uniontown
22	.....	Bellevernon	Bellevernon Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
257	.....	Besco	Champion Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
20	20	Browning	Browning Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Brownsville	Brownsville Coke Co	Uniontown
84	84	Burchinal	Smithfield Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
205	205	Century	Century Coke Co	Brownsville
40	40	Champion	Champion Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
120	120	Crystal	United Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
236	236	Denbo	Reliance Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
402	402	Donald 1 & 2	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
150	150	Donald 3	Consolidated Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
149	149	Edna	Waltersburg Coke Co	Uniontown
82	.....	Emory	Sunshine Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
84	84	Finley	Jas. Bryns & Co	Uniontown
80	80	Fretts	South Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
119	100	Garwood	Aetna-Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
88	88	Genuine	Genuine Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
200	200	Griffin No. 1	Bessemer Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Griffin No. 2	Hillman-Neff Coke Co	Pittsburg
210	210	Herbert	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
46	46	Hillside	Westmoreland Gas Coal Co	Pittsburg
52	40	Hill Top	E. Connellsville Coke Co	Connellsville
194	116	Hoover	James H. Hoover	McClellandtown
38	38	Hope	Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
198	198	Hustead	Hustead-Jemans Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	260	Isabella	Isabella-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
140	140	Katherine	Union Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
220	220	Lafayette	Atlas Coke Co	Uniontown
30	30	Leon	Franklin Coke Co	Mt. Pleasant
400	400	Lincoln	Lincoln Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
40	40	Little Gem	The Sisler Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
250	250	Low Phos	Connellsville Central Coke Co	Pittsburg
84	84	Luzerne	Luzerne Coal & Coke Co	Pittsburg
60	60	Marion	Southern Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
132	70	Menallen	Menallen Coke Co	Uniontown
300	300	Mt. Hope	Mt. Hope Coke Co	Uniontown
80	58	Murphy	Sahara Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
100	100	Old Home	W J Parshall	Uniontown
480	440	Orient	Orient Coke Co	Uniontown
302	302	Puritan	Puritan Coke Co	Uniontown
80	80	Perry	Perry Coke Co	Pittsburg
72	72	Plumer	Plumer Coke Co	Uniontown
101	101	Poland	Poland Coal Co	Pittsburg
120	45	Rich Hill	Rich Hill Coal & Coke Co	Owtwrop
88	.....	Rice	Rice Coal & Coke Co	Connellsville
365	365	Royal	W J Rainey	New York
30	.....	Sackett	H K Sackett Coal & Coke Co	Smithfield
378	378	Searight	Taylor Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
260	260	Shamrock	Fayette Coke Co	Uniontown
60	40	Solon	Prospect Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
310	280	Sterling	Consolidated Uvilla Coke Co	Uniontown
50	50	Sunshine No. 2	Lodone-Giuliani Coal & Coke Co	Masontown
400	400	Thompson No. 1	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Thompson No. 2	Thompson-Connellsville Coke Co	Pittsburg
320	306	Tower Hill 1	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
304	204	Tower Hill 2	Tower Hill Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
34	.....	Virgie	Byrns Coal & Coke Co	Scottdale
500	500	Washington 1	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
500	460	Washington 2	Washington Coal & Coke Co	Dawson
76	76	Wineland	Wineland-Gilmore Coal & Coke Co	Uniontown
60	60	Winmore	Banning-Connellsville Coke Co	Uniontown
88	36	Yukon	Whysl Coke Co	Uniontown
11,813	10,602			
			FURNACE OVENS:	
120	.....	Atcheson	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Gans
100	100	Bridgeport	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
470	400	Brier Hill	H C Frick Coke Co	Brier Hill
426	426	Buffington	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	421	Colonial No. 1	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
156	156	Colonial No. 3	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
300	300	Colonial No. 4	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
280	280	Dearth	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
500	481	Edenborn	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
200	200	Fairbank	Strathern Coal & Coke Co	Fairbank
400	400	Footedale	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
202	202	Geneva	McKeesrey Coal Co	Leetonia, O
200	200	LaBelle	Labelle Coke Co	Labelle
462	451	Lambert	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
510	501	Leckrone	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
244	150	Martin	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Youngstown, O
80	80	Newcomer	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
400	400	Republic	Republic Iron & Steel Co	Uniontown
550	550	Ronco	H C Frick Coke Co	Pittsburg
5,226	5,418			

ESTABLISHED 1872. INCORPORATED 1904.

Eureka Fire Brick Works

Eureka, Bradoc — Manufacturers of high-grade Fire Brick for Mill, Glasshouse, Rectangular, By-Product and Bee-Hive Coke Ovens. — E. F. B., Victor

DIFFICULT SHAPES A SPECIALTY.

Office and Works, Mt. Braddock, Pa. Bell Phone 49, Dunbar

NEITHER A TRUST NOR A MONOPOLY IS STEEL DEFENSE

Formation of United States Steel Corporation Was Beneficial.

CANNOT CONTROL PRICES

Or Production and Without Disposition to Crush Competitors; Mere Size of Corporation Not Inhibited by Sherman Law Which Has Been Invoked.

In briefs filed on Saturday with the United States Supreme Court, the United States Steel Corporation presented its defense to the federal government's dissolution suit, asserting that the corporation was not formed with intent to monopolize or restrain trade, has not since done so, has actually had a beneficial and not harmful effect upon the iron and steel industry, is a "good" combination and has neither power nor disposition to control production prices or crush competitors. With admitted control of 40.9 per cent of domestic consumption, the briefs assert "this falls far short of controlling the supply—and obviously cannot control the price."

Mere size and power alone of a combination, the defendants declare, are not inhibited by the Sherman law. Also, they insist, the anti-trust statute prohibits "unreasonable" restraint of trade—not necessarily restraint of competition." Relying upon the "rule of reason" application made by the Supreme Court, the defendants ask dismissal of the federal prosecution. That President Roosevelt was not deceived in the corporation's acquisition of the Tennessee coal and iron properties in 1907, and that they were bought to prevent a worse panic is insisted in the briefs.

The defendants, reciting *numerous investigations* by federal agencies, states: "*The Steel Corporation has* kept the public and government fully informed as to its course of conduct and policies ever since it was organized. Meanwhile relying on apparent government and public approval, it has gone on spending millions in development of its foreign and domestic trade to the manifest advantage of its employes, customers and the general public, and without injury to its competitors or others. These circumstances indicate a contemporaneous judgment in favor of the integrity and management of the Steel Corporation, and such judgment ought not to be overturned at this late date, except for the most cogent and persuasive reasons."

GOVERNMENT JOB FOR ENGINEER

Examination for Coal Mine Investigator in Bureau of Mines to be Held on March 27.

Announcement has been made by the United States Civil Service Commission that an examination will be held on March 27 for a mining engineer, chief of coal-mining investigation, to fill a vacancy in the Bureau of Mines, with headquarters at Pittsburg, at a salary of $4,000 a year.

The duties of this position will be to take charge of coal-mining investigations in the mining division, to supervise investigations into the causes and prevention of explosions and other accidents in coal mines, investigations into coal-mining methods with the view to increasing economy and efficiency, lessening the loss of coal mining in operations, and otherwise contributing to the advancement of the coal-mining industry.

Graduation from a course in mining engineering at a college or university of recognized standing and an experience of ten years in mining engineering, of which at least five years must have been responsible experience in coal mining, are prerequisites for consideration for this position.

LONGWELL NAMED

New Superintendent for Semet-Solvay's Dunbar Plant.

R. A. Longwell has been appointed to succeed J. H. Wilkins, resigned, as superintendent of the Semet-Solvay company's plant at Dunbar. Mr. Longwell was in charge of the Steelton, Pa., plant of the company, until it was turned over the Bethlehem Steel company on February 1. His duties at Dunbar start at once.

Mr. Longwell is known here as he was in charge of operations of the *Semet-Solvay* company at Dunbar during November and December, when Mr. Wilkins underwent an operation. His family, now in Steelton, will be removed to this section later.

More Piers at Baltimore.

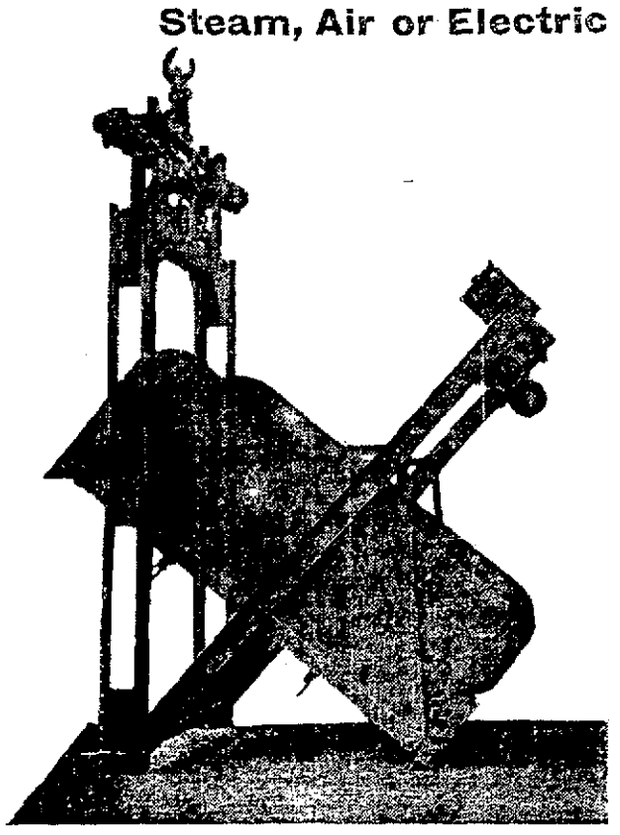
The Pennsylvania Railroad Company has announced its intention to build two new piers at its Canton terminals, Baltimore, at a cost of $2,000,000 in addition to the work now under way costing nearly $1,000,000.

Connellsville Machine & Car Co.

MANUFACTURERS OF

LAFAYETTE PUMPS

Steam, Air or Electric Driven



Lafayette Improved Automatic Self Dumping Cage.

Engines, Mine Fans, Larries, Pit Cars, Cages, Coal Screens, Coke Crushers, Coke Barrows, Sheave Wheels, Drums, Universal Dump Cars and Complete

Outfits for Coal and Coke Works

We carry in stock Macinery Supplies, Injectors, Pipe Fittings, Jenkins, Star and Standard Valves, Leather Beltings, Steel, Iron and Nails, Railroad Spikes, Splice Bar Bolts and Nut Locks, Machine and Carriage Bolts, Steel Coke Scraper Heads, Scraper Handles, Coke Oven Valves and

COKE HOSE.

Works at Mountz Creek Junction of Baltimore & Ohio and Pennsylvania R. R.'s. Office and Store, 309 and 311 Water Street, Connellsville, Pa.

J. P. BRENNEN, President. J. V. THOMPSON, Vice President. ANDREW A. THOMPSON, Treasurer. W. G. ROCK, Sec'y and Asst. Treasurer.

THOMPSON CONNELLSVILLE COKE CO.

800 OVENS. MONTHLY CAPACITY 50,000 TONS.

STANDARD CONNELLSVILLE FURNACE COKE.

WORKS: Thompson No. 1 400 Ovens, Thompson No. 2 400 Ovens, Near Republic Station, Fayette County, Pa.

CONNECTIONS: Pennsylvania R. R. Pittsburg & Lake Erie R. R. Baltimore & Ohio R. R.

PITTSBURG OFFICE: 2102 First National Bank Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

OUR COKE IS OF HIGHEST QUALITY. ANALYSIS FURNISHED ON APPLICATION.

As all of our drawing is done by the Mechanical Extractor, none of the Foundry Coke is eliminated. Purchasers are consequently assured of a uniform quality of Furnace Coke.

HERBERT Du PUY, President. JOHN C. NEFF, Gen. Mgr.

Connellsville Central Coke Co.

General and Sales Office, 1211 Empire Building, Pittsburg, Penna.

Works:—Low Phos. No. 1, Herbert No. 2, near Uniontown, Pa.

Standard Connellsville Coke

MONTHLY CAPACITY 32,000 TONS. P. R. R., P. & L. E. R. R. and B. & O. R. R. Connections

Coke low in Sulphur and Phosphorus and of strong physical structure. Our Coke at HERBERT WORKS is made in LONGITUDINAL OVENS and is entirely mechanically handled, thus eliminating by screening all dust and dirt.

ANALYSIS FURNISHES ON REQUEST

Graceton Foundry Coke

Our Foundry Coke is unexcelled by any. Its low sulphur and ash and high fixed carbon make it superior to many. It has the ability to give high melting ratios in your foundry.

GRACETON COKE CO.

Graceton, Penna.

Good Job Printing

Is Not Possible without GOOD STOCK is used, SKILLED WORKMEN to do the composition and press work and a COMPLETE EQUIPMENT of Machinery, Up-to-Date Type and all the accessories of a First Class Plant. THE COURIER JOB PRINTING DEPARTMENT lacks none of these essentials. It turns out the HIGHEST GRADE PRINTING, from Visiting Cards to the largest and most complicated Office Forms and Commercial Work of every variety and for any purpose.

Printing for Coke Company Offices and Works a Specialty

One Order will make you a Permanent Customer.

THE COURIER COMPANY

127½ W. Main St., Connellsville, Pa.

The Weekly Courier.

Entered as second-class matter at the postoffice, Connellsville, Pa.

THE COURIER CO., Publishers.
HENRY P. SNYDER, Founder and Editor, 1879-1916.
K. M. SNYDER, President.
JAS. J. DRISCOLL, Sec'y and Treasurer. Business Manager.
JOHN L. GANS, Managing Editor.

Office, The Courier Building, 127½ W. Crawford Avenue, Connellsville, Pa.

SUBSCRIPTION
WEEKLY, $2.00 per year; 5 cents per copy.

ADVERTISING
DISPLAY rates on application.
READING NOTICES—Ten cents per line.
LEGAL—Ten cents per line for first insertion and five cents per line for each additional insertion.

THURSDAY MORNING, MAR. 8, 1917.

SENATORIAL OBSTRUCTIONISTS.

Under the circumstances which called forth the somewhat unusual procedure of the President in administering a public rebuke to the Senate for its failure to finally pass the armed neutrality measure, President Wilson is fully justified in his vigorous denunciation of the unpatriotic portion of that body. If in such a critical situation as now confronts the nation a small minority of the Senate can deliberately and successfully block the progress of important and needed legislation, there is not a single patriotic citizen of whatever political faith who will withhold approval of President Wilson's scathing criticism of their action.

There is entire agreement with the President in his statement that this "little group of wilful men representing no opinion but their own have rendered the great government of the United States helpless and contemptible." For personal ends or notoriety and plainly without motives of disinterested or patriotic statesmanship these obstructionists have brought about a situation in national affairs which humiliate us before the world. Their action will tend to create the false impression abroad that there is lack of unanimity among our people in their support of the measures which the exigencies of the situation may demand.

The world may be assured however that if Germany, or any other nation is deluded by the failure of the Senate in this matter into the belief that it represents either the will, sentiment or temper of the American people such nation will early find necessity to revise its opinion. There are minor differences of opinion between the people and Congress and between the people and the President upon certain details and methods but upon the broad proposition of maintaining the rights of American citizenship and commerce everywhere and at all hazards there are none. The country is behind its President and by its approval of the wise measures he may take will very likely see to it that the Senate assumes its rightful function as servant not obstructor of the popular will.

THE GERMAN PLOT.

That alleged German-Mexican-Japanese plot is susceptible of several interpretations, none of which can be accepted as exact until further facts in relation to it are known.

As appears from the first published reports it has a serious aspect and tends to push us nearer a state of war with Germany. The authenticity of the Zimmerman document which forms the basis of the plot has been fairly well established. The proposal which it contains indicates that Germany, in her desperation is willing to stop at nothing to gain every advantage by any means no matter how despicable that may suit her purposes.

If the suggestion offered by Germany to Mexico to form an offensive and defensive alliance against the United States, has found favor with Carranza and he in turn has followed instructions by communicating with Japan "suggesting adherence at once to this plan," much mischief may have already been done. If, on the other hand, the Zimmerman document has never reached Carranza, as his ministers declare it has not and has not also been transmitted to Japan, which its representative denies has been done, the plottings of the German foreign office, so skillfully aided and abetted by Count von Bernstorff may prove wholly abortive.

Again it may have been designed that the Zimmerman communication should find its way into the hands of our own government for no other purpose than to detract attention from the submarine situation in Europe by creating in Washington the fear that Mexico rather than Germany would require our undivided attention.

It must be confessed, though, that there is a certain air of suspicion about some phases of the matter. The Mexican situation has been fruitful of alleged plots almost from the beginning, but they have been found to be more imaginary than real. The present one has so strong a Mexican tinge to its German coloring that the temptation is strong to place it in the same class as others which have preceded it.

Until there is more direct and positive information as to the knowledge Japan and Mexico may have of the German proposal the true importance of the discovery cannot be correctly estimated. However it is not time to become unduly alarmed or excited by the disclosures. They are but a hint of what may be expected so long as Germany with her back to the wall is fighting for her existence. She does not want war with the United States (?) so bad as her militarists would have the world believe. To avoid such an issue there will be no act omitted or thing left undone which human ingenuity and cunning can devise to divert or occupy the attention of our own government so the German may continue her campaigns unhampered by so powerful an enemy on land or sea.

EXONERATION OF SLIGO.

The request of the parties who propose to take over the Sligo mill, to be exonerated from the payment of city and school taxes for a period of five years, presents a problem for the city council and the school board about which there may be individual differences of opinion between the members of these two bodies but there should be no disagreement as to what is the proper course of action.

The persons who are planning to revive this enterprise and place it upon a substantial operating basis, are doing so without asking the donation of a free site, a cash bonus or a large stock subscription by the people of Connellsville as an inducement to locate here. They intend to furnish all the capital necessary to finance the undertaking to the extent of rebuilding and eventually changing the character of the plant's product and give every evidence of their ability to carry it through successfully.

The active operation of this plant will benefit Connellsville in a direct and substantial way. It will give employment to a considerable number of men, many of whom will have to become residents either as renters or property owners. A very material addition will be made to the payrolls which are disbursed in Connellsville, and our business men and property owners generally will share proportionately in the expenditure thereof. In such event the additional burden if any thrown upon the general taxpayers through an exoneration of the Sligo property would not be felt. If on the other hand, the mill does not resume operation through failure to secure exoneration the city will be infinitely worse off. It will have made an unsuccessful attempt to restore an industry to activity and will lose much of its prestige as an enterprising manufacturing center.

The Sligo property idle and without prospect of use has little value either as an investment as an advertisement for the city or as a source of revenue through taxation. As a matter of fact the property has been practically exempt during the greater part of its career. Previous councils have exonerated it and to extend that privilege to the prospective new owners would not therefore work any hardship upon taxpayers generally. Furthermore such action would be one way by which Connellsville can show its enterprise in building up new industries and prove that we are not to be lagging behind larger places which heretofore may have been somewhat more public spirited and progressive.

The only possible element of unfairness which can arise from an exoneration of the Sligo property is that it would thereby be accorded privileges which other manufacturing industries in the city do not now enjoy. When the last city assessment was made this subject was given much attention by the assessors and the board of revision and appeal and the policy of placing the valuation of properties devoted to manufacturing at a comparatively low figure was decided upon as a measure designed to encourage manufacturing within the city limits. This policy met with no objection, least of all by the owners of these properties and was accepted in the spirit in which it had been conceived and adopted.

Under all circumstances it would appear to be wise, proper and judicious to grant the exoneration but not wholly without some definite and positive assurance that the property is to be fully equipped and operated as near its capacity as trade conditions will reasonably warrant.

MEXICO'S LABOR LAWS.

How Mexico is faring in new constitution but upon the advanced and enlightened measures relating to labor and compensation is one of the anomalies of modern legislation. Although the constitution contains many provisions with respect to the rights of foreigners, teachers, and members of the clergy which are not found in the laws of any nation making pretensions to advancement the regulations governing employment of labor are in many respects several steps ahead of those adopted by any country with the possible exception of Germany.

The new Mexican constitution provides an eight hour day and a six day week and prohibits women and children under sixteen from engaging in night work or any dangerous or unhealthy employment. Children from twelve to sixteen are permitted to work but six hours a day while those under twelve are not to be employed in any capacity. The most remarkable of all the provisions is that relating to the wages of employes. For the same labor there shall be no distinction in wages by reason of sex or nationality thereby placing women on a parity with men in this respect.

When the population of an industrial community exceeds 200 the employers must provide a market place and municipal buildings and recreation grounds within which the sale of intoxicants and gambling is prohibited. Employers are held responsible for injuries received in performing labor and for occupational diseases and must pay compensation according to a fixed schedule. The laws recognize the right of the employes to strike and the right of the employer to close down his plant, the differences between labor and capital in either case to be subject to the decision of a council of arbitration and conciliation formed of an equal number of representatives of both parties and one government official.

Had equally liberal provisions been made for an unhampered system of popular education, and larger religious freedom been allowed and some effective means adopted to curb and control the professional revolutionists there would be ground for hope that the troubled country south of the Rio Grande is beginning to see the light and has started on the way towards a happier and more prosperous existence.

With the death of [illegible] following closely upon the passing of Buffalo Bill [illegible] are [illegible] from the days of the Wild and Woolly West.

REDUCING FOOD PRICES.

If the advice of State Food and Dairy Commissioner James W. Foust to refrain from buying high priced foodstuffs were strictly followed by every consumer there would be no uncertainty as to the result. Prices would tumble over night and the rapacious growers and speculators would start a wild scramble to unload their stocks.

Commissioner Foust does not counsel an organized and unlawful boycott but he has pointed out what can be done in the direction of lowering prices if consumers of their own accord would restrict their buying of expensive foods to the extent of practically omitting them from their daily diet. Based upon authentic information compiled by his department Commissioner Foust declares that while there is a shortage of potatoes onions and other commodities compared with former years there is still a plentiful supply but they are still in the hands of growers and speculators who are holding for top prices.

The food and dairy commission being without power or authority under the law to reach the food speculators the suggestion was made that the consumers themselves can handle the situation most effectively by refusing to buy. Such action would close the markets to the retailers and leave the stocks in the hands of the growers and speculators. In order to create a demand the speculators would be obliged to materially reduce prices or assume the risks of holding supplies indefinitely with the more or less certain prospect of a heavy final loss.

In New York there has been a fairly well concerted movement against high prices and consumers are standing firm in their refusal to buy. As a result several heavy successive reductions have been made in prices and the speculators are frantically rushing from one retailer to another to unload the big stocks they have accumulated with a view to making big profits. The New York campaign was started along rather hysterical and boisterous lines and availed nothing at the outset. Wiser counsels prevailed later and the consumers adopted the plan which Commissioner Foust recommends to Pennsylvania housewives. At latest reports the New York campaign was accomplishing rather surprising results in the reduction of prices.

What New York has done omitting the riotous and excited forms of protest which marked the beginning of its campaign other communities can do in forcing the release of speculative food stocks to be sold at fair and reasonable prices.

SCHOOL AND FARM BOYS

A very active interest is being taken by educators and others throughout the country in the very important question of better adapting our educational systems to the demands of modern life, particularly as it relates to the boys of the rural districts. Two gatherings dealing with this problem are now in session. One is the meeting of the National Educational Association at Kansas City and the other is a state farm-school institute at Reading.

The Kansas City affair says the Pittsburg Dispatch is in the hands of teachers, superintendents and experts in certain specialties and deals with rational educational and a school [illegible] methods of training children for [illegible] am wh[illegible] children [illegible] more readily accept teaching systems under the name of education as a bold case to [illegible] trainers of youngsters is what more people don't come [illegible] is pulling to pieces [illegible] The [illegible] meeting earnestly discussed how to keep the country boy on the farm. One orator [illegible] back to the [illegible] movement [illegible] beginning at the wrong end or putting the cart before the horse. He said the aim, to do [illegible] to keep the farm boy on the farm in the first [illegible] and the [illegible] would be [illegible] for a boy back to the farm propaganda.

Trying to force children to adapt themselves to teaching methods some of which have been characterized by progressive instructors as the lock step drill instead of adapting training systems to the children is so closely analogous to forcing the farm boy to adapt himself to conditions that have driven country boys to the cities by the thousands every year instead of progressively adapting farm and boy to each other that psychologically they seem to be pretty much the same problem. The makers of systems of child training have for years watched their work go for naught without suspecting that perhaps some of the explanatory causes or child failures in school and in working years immediately after were in the methods as the farmer have watched the country boys with the pep and initiative go disgusted with the farm and its methods and beat it to the city.

Perhaps teachers and farmers might make mutual gain if they happened to get together in one meeting some time. The teachers in illustrating the cause of the farmers' troubles might throw a ray of light into their own.

CITY COLLECTIONS.

It is neither exact nor fair to say that the City of Connellsville is approaching bankruptcy because street paving assessments totaling a large sum are overdue and unpaid. It is true however to say that the city is short of cash to be applied to the purposes of making permanent improvements and will be in that predicament until these assessments are paid and hampered in improvement work meantime.

These accounts are not doubtful nor unsecured inasmuch as they constitute first liens upon properties worth many times the amount of the claims. They are interest bearing and next to municipal bonds constitute the city's best asset. But they will not retain that character indefinitely.

It is not precisely creditable to the efficiency of the city government that accounts receivable of this character have been allowed to assume such large proportions but it seems that the collection of these claims has not received that degree of attention which the easy and smooth conduct of business requires. Laxness in this particular is a common failing of municipalities whether they operate under the borough or city form of government. This unbusinesslike habit cannot be urged as an excuse in any instance but the fact remains that municipal governing bodies uniformly fail to make collections with the promptness and regularity that business enterprises find to be essential to their success.

In the earlier history of Connellsville and possibly of other towns as well many claims became invalidated through sheer neglect to enforce payment. This has resulted in the loss of large sums of money and has worked hardships upon the taxpayers who after paying their own assessments for improvements have been obliged through the payment of taxes to also pay their share of the apportionment of some else.

People generally have not become confirmed in the habit of paying money for any purpose without being asked and sometimes even urged to do so and municipal improvement assessments are no exception to the rule. If the city needs money that is due and unpaid it will have to do like ordinary collectors do, go after it.

THE SMALL COAL MINES.

The owner or operator of a small coal mine has never before had quite so fine an opportunity to dispose of his product as now. With a demand for coal without much if any regard to its quality or care in its preparation every country pit that is accessible by railroad or within reasonable hauling distance by team is being turned into an active operation. Anyone with a little mine says the Pittsburg Gazette Times which in former years served only casual customers within a few miles of its mouth can now dispose of all the coal he can mine at high prices. [illegible] It doesn't need to be of high quality either. This condition obtains in Fayette, Greene, Washington and Westmoreland counties to an extent that might be said to justify the expression the day of the small mine. [illegible] follows market without the usual handicaps of competition with large producers.

An example of this is seen in the case of an owner with a mine three or four miles from the railroad. He has put several motor trucks to work carrying coal to the cars and the amount of his sales is only limited by his ability to produce. Before the war a little coal from this mine went at low prices to domestic consumers near at hand. That was the extent of its business. Another man has a mine idle at the outbreak of the war which is now pouring money into his pocket. He has a contract for the entire output at [illegible] rate and the coal goes to a broker who resells at the highest price [illegible] Formerly unworked and unprofitable all through the region [illegible] are now making a handsome profit.

The war [illegible] made coal good in the [illegible] region [illegible] coke which [illegible] selling at fabulous prices. But the man whose coal is not especially good for coking [illegible] who [illegible] without investing in a [illegible] plant finds the demand just [illegible] This situation has the effect of making prosperity personal with many more people than would be the case if there were enough [illegible] without the output of [illegible] the home mines. There [illegible] before the war when not even the large workings were busy and throughout the region could be seen [illegible] where wooden tipples were being [illegible] to fall in ruins.

In good times large producers [illegible] able to take care of the demand [illegible] and get most of the business because [illegible] superior facilities leaving local domestic trade for the little fellows. But in these boom times the little fellows are shipping too. Their small mines are expected to pay well [illegible] to come as shown in the [illegible] companies being [illegible].

REVIVAL OF SLIGO MILL.

In a certain sense the news that the Sligo mill is to be placed in operation is more cheering and encouraging to Connellsville than the announcement of the coming of a wholly new enterprise would be.

This plant has had an unfortunate career. It [illegible] made a brave attempt to provide a substantial [illegible] addition to the industries of Connellsville but unfortunately [illegible] did not succeed. Its failure has reflected heavily upon Connellsville not only because of the unprofitableness of the venture to a number of our business men but because the long inactivity of the plant has been a poor advertisement for the city as a manufacturing center.

Now that it is to become a going industry those persons in the community who have been active in advancing its industrial activity will be encouraged to continue their efforts. They will be stimulated too by the fact that one of the city's largest plants is no longer to be classed as one of the unsuccessful. The revival of this industry ought also to stir to quickened movement other citizens who have been luke warm or altogether indifferent in their boosting activities. They must realize that a handful of men can not do all that is necessary to develop new enterprises and keep the wheels of industrial progress moving. The addition of the silk mill and the electric steel mill during the past year have been notable examples of what can be done by a relatively small number of citizens getting behind a project standing together and staying with it through the formative stages.

The starting of the Sligo mill should mark the commencement of a larger and more vigorous growth of the community spirit. Then we will be in shape to start other things as the opportunities develop from time to time.

The new constitution of Mexico has [illegible] provision for compensation [illegible] occupational disease. Will Pennsylvania [illegible] be placed in the [illegible] of opposing its [illegible] in this act?

AMERICA UNAFRAID.

While the dominant note in President Wilson's second inaugural address is a plea for Americans to stand united in feeling, in purpose and in vision of duty, of opportunity and of service, his utterances in the main constitute a renewed declaration of our national principles. Those principles for which the American government has stood from the beginning and those rights claimed for its citizens and which we as a nation are willing other nations deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed shall also enjoy.

At this hour, and under the circumstances which impelled its delivery, there can be little doubt but that the form which was given the inaugural was intended as notice to the world that America stands unwaveringly upon the principles of a liberated mankind. The inaugural may as do all of President Wilson's public addresses display some of the finished orator's fondness for polished phrase and lofty diction but there can be no mistaking the intent or purpose of the declarations.

Although the government of the United States has undergone many transformations since its entity as a nation was established the cardinal principles of human rights and liberty which were its basis have been successively proclaimed not abbreviated or amended in the crises which came in the administrations of Madison, Lincoln, McKinley and now of Wilson. In this sense the last inaugural is distinguished by nothing that is new but the aptness of its application to the situation by which we are confronted invests it with an interest that will become historic.

Compared with earlier state documents of President Wilson his first inaugural shows to what extent continued confidence to speak as leader of the people has supplanted the presumption and self assertiveness he either displayed in speaking as leader of a party. The people have lately been deeply stirred by the international complications growing out of the European war. Previously they [illegible] chagrined mortified and sometimes vexed at the lack of firmness in dealing with the nations which have offended against the rights of American citizenship. With success we outrages the temper of the people has found more emphatic expression. All the while the assurance has been forthcoming that the people were ready as one man to stand behind a leader who would resolutely [illegible] with and for them.

President Wilson may or may not have been slow to measure the strength of public sentiment on this question but the fact has been that until the severance of the diplomatic relations with Germany he had not taken an unequivocal stand. From that moment he has certainly had it in all as to the scope the people are ready to give him. The knowledge that the nation is back of him has [illegible] in [illegible] confidence [illegible] new note [illegible] that in his [illegible] utterances.

While Americans are not unmindful of their gratitude for the tact, skill and patience President Wilson has displayed in keeping us out of war there has meantime developed that condition when the President ought also be profoundly thankful for the American people. It is no disparagement of President Wilson to say that he has drawn much of his inspiration from the people and he is an idle compliment to say that he has [illegible] in his message the spirit and sentiment of the nation and given to them form and expression which declares to the world Americans unafraid because they are right.

THE BACK YARD GARDEN

It is time to begin planning for that back yard garden you intend to plant in the spring. Beyond a mere reminder that the planting season is approaching it is perhaps unnecessary to call attention to this activity which should engage the attention of every householder this season.

Competent authorities have stated as a result of their observation and experience that a lot of ground 25 by 40 feet comprising one fortieth of an acre planted with good seed and properly tended will produce enough vegetables for a family of six through out the season. Not every amateur gardener will be able to produce such results but that so large returns are possible shows what can be done in this direction with proper attention and management.

The high prices for all kinds of foodstuffs is in a measure due to insufficient crops last year, insufficient planting and partial yield. The increase in the number of non producers without a corresponding increase in the number of food producers has destroyed the balance between demand and supply which has characterized normal or earlier years. As a consequence we are paying higher prices for everything we eat and are restricting ourselves in the quantity consumed.

This balance can be restored or at least partially restored if every person having a plot of ground available sets systematically and energetically at work to raise their own vegetables during the coming season. The results aside from a more plentiful supply for one's family will be lower prices next winter but chiefest of all will be the joy which will come from a useful health promoting summer's work.

Our weather [illegible] reliable [illegible] everybody [illegible] of the opinion that the month just closed was much colder than February [illegible] official records show that the average mean temperature last month was almost a degree higher than February of last year. Present weather [illegible] the present trouble is always the worst.

It is now believed that [illegible] will enter the European war on the side of the entente allies. Might as well [illegible] and be done with it.

A resident of [illegible] worth [illegible] of his stock [illegible] This creates the suspicion that the party is in the cold storage business.

With a skill that is little short of being considered commendable the Democrats in Congress have put one over on the public in the matter of providing funds to pay for catching Villa. Lacking the courage to ask the country to pay for this brilliant exploit on its merits as an achievement Congress has authorized bonds to meet public expenditure on account of the Mexican situation, the construction of the armor plate plant, the construction of the Alaskan railway and the purchase of the Danish West Indies. The charity [illegible] of this measure will cover many [illegible] and administration sins.

No suggestions have come from Washington to investigate the high cost of inaugurations.

Catching snakes in a coal mine to be [illegible] spring's approach is [illegible] rather [illegible] both the snakes and [illegible].

[illegible] become effective until July 1, President Wilson felt [illegible] safe in giving it his approval on the Saturday before inauguration.

Everything Connellsville makes stands the test. [illegible] the Connellsville furnace have found [illegible] their experience with Sossen fire brick.

If that decision of the Iowa department of justice that a representation of the American flag [illegible] in the newspapers [illegible] we have another federal law [illegible] in need of repeal. Might as well penalize the printing of the Republican emblem on the Democratic [illegible].

Foreign Secretary Zimmerman [illegible] made about as much of a [illegible] in explaining the German-Mexican plot as he did in plotting the bungle.

Diplomatic [illegible] some of [illegible] bining [illegible] in the United States are being better understood.

The Dunbar to Dunbar bridge [illegible] to Dunbar [illegible] when it [illegible] will be authorized to go over the [illegible].

The [illegible] men [illegible] excursion and troop trains to Washington for the inaugural [illegible] the shipments of coal and coke this week. But what is the loss and inconvenience to the industries of the country in comparison with the greater necessity of mobilizing the deserving Democrats at this [illegible] of the nation's history?

There are few places and few [illegible] where Connellsville [illegible] is not heard of [illegible] This fact [illegible] illustrated quite frequently in the [illegible] from widely different [illegible] at Mount [illegible] W. H. Clingerman of [illegible] resident of the H. C. Frick [illegible] was a passenger on the [illegible] and escaped [illegible] among the killed were two council of William [illegible] superintendent of the Connellsville Machine & Car Company [illegible] one of the sailors on a vessel recently [illegible] off the coast of England [illegible] Fayette county boy.

Who [illegible] the [illegible] garden [illegible] to raise [illegible] our neighbors.

How will the Democratic economists [illegible] able to explain to the farmers [illegible] the failure of [illegible] with those of other [illegible]

The [illegible] seems to have [illegible] as [illegible] a good a bill collector as it had garbage collector.

The Florence strike made considerable more disturbance and noise [illegible] the newspapers [illegible] and the farther away from the scene the more noise.

Now that Count von Bernstorff [illegible] been [illegible] is being found out.

That Ohio judge who sentenced a [illegible] with the [illegible] experience [illegible] husband [illegible].

Nothing [illegible] ever father and mother [illegible] on the [illegible]

When [illegible] should be [illegible]

[illegible] Hungary [illegible]

There must be no backing down on [illegible] yard garden [illegible]

It is [illegible] that it is [illegible] the [illegible]

[illegible] von Bethmann Hollweg of German [illegible] that he has his anti-American species out of his system.

Even the street cars [illegible] town [illegible] caught the speedway fever.

[illegible] the German [illegible] the [illegible] of [illegible] to the W[illegible] Plan.

What [illegible] Germans cannot [illegible] with [illegible] has crippled the [illegible] liner [illegible] they executed in western Europe. Even Count von Bernstorff [illegible] before [illegible] [illegible]

[illegible] described [illegible] otherwise.

During the two and one-half years [illegible] progress of [illegible] European [illegible] the [illegible] shipping [illegible] other means [illegible] take on [illegible] for [illegible]

[illegible]

The Kaiser [illegible] who [illegible]

The [illegible] paramount [illegible] grave danger that the [illegible] Spring [illegible] before [illegible]

[illegible] of Washington [illegible] on [illegible] another [illegible]

[illegible] of ground [illegible] Villa [illegible]

Choice of a Business.

The [illegible] business [illegible] raising potatoes to [illegible] or make coke to [illegible].

The Growing Scarcity

[illegible] is [illegible] dreadfully scarce except trouble.

Looking Backward

News of the Past Condensed from the Files of The Courier.

FRIDAY, MARCH 11, 1887.

Of the 10,[illegible] coke ovens in the region [illegible] The total shipments for February aggregated [illegible] cars against [illegible] cars in January. The cars were distributed as follows: West [illegible] Pittsburg [illegible] cars; east of Connellsville [illegible] cars; Pittsburg and [illegible] 6,401 cars.

The conductors, brakemen and firemen of the Connellsville division Baltimore & Ohio railroad, the independent of the brotherhoods, for an advance in wages and the freight traffic [illegible] entire road is virtually at a standstill. The shipmen here also request an advance but do not walk out.

Frank Murphy, middleweight champion of the Connellsville coke region opens boxing school at Alice mines.

[illegible] local sign painter [illegible] signs for Hyatt & Case [illegible] J. S. McCann which attract much [illegible] universally admired.

[illegible] paper hanger [illegible] taken to Dixmont [illegible] temporary insanity [illegible] spepsia.

[illegible] of the water works [illegible] his Lafayette street [illegible] Michael Hurley for $1,000 and moves his family to Mount [illegible]

Connellsville is [illegible] represented by [illegible] candidates at the primaries—John K. Miller desiring the nomination for register and recorder and [illegible] Kurtz [illegible] out for county commissioner.

The Salvation Army starts a crusade [illegible] Connellsville barber shops on Sunday. One barber joins the army and [illegible] his doors on the Sabbath [illegible] others [illegible] open.

Among [illegible] merchants buying their spring and summer goods in New York [illegible] following [illegible] from Connellsville: [illegible] Thomas Bell, John D. [illegible] W. S. Hood and N. J. [illegible]

The annual election of the stockholders of the Connellsville & New Haven Gas & Water Company results in the following board of managers being named: [illegible] Cormick, John D. Frisbee, Joseph Soisson, J. J. Singer, William Werne and John A. Armstrong.

James T. Greenland, well known [illegible] Side [illegible] dies at the age of [illegible] years.

James Cunningham begins work on [illegible] addition [illegible] rear of his Main street property which will extend the dining room and bed room sections of his restaurant and hotel.

[illegible] is elected president [illegible] clerk and L. P. Norton [illegible] without opposition at the organization of the new town council.

Burgess Albert Yohe is presented [illegible] handsome office chair by retiring Burgess J. M. Cavender, on behalf of the Democratic ladies of Connellsville.

[illegible] Hong [illegible] and Chua [illegible] of Canton, China visit Connellsville and give an exhibition of Chinese [illegible] Baptist church.

The chapel and Sunday school room of the new English Lutheran Church [illegible] dedicated with appropriate ceremonies.

Fire insurance rates of Connellsville are reduced 10 per cent as a result of the successful establishment of a water works.

A [illegible] asking Congress to slack [illegible] to this place is being signed [illegible] representative citizens.

After Yohe [illegible] elected burgess [illegible] his attention [illegible] of cleaning out [illegible] gambling dens said to infest the town.

FRIDAY, MARCH 12, 1897.

[illegible] report of the coke trade for [illegible] week ending Saturday, March [illegible] shows [illegible] 18,019 ovens in the [illegible] are in blast and [illegible] total estimated production [illegible]

[illegible] for the week aggregated [illegible] cars distributed as follows: To Pittsburg [illegible] cars; to points West [illegible] cars; [illegible] cars. East, 1,049 cars [illegible] cars over the previous week.

[illegible] resigns his position [illegible] Coke & Furnace Company [illegible] superintendency [illegible] Connellsville Coke Company now building the new plant near Gans station.

[illegible] for many years connected [illegible] with the Scottdale establishment of the Union Supply Company is appointed [illegible] manager for the Humphreys [illegible] Company at [illegible]

[illegible] the Mount Pleasant [illegible] when the [illegible] boiler house burst [illegible] Robert Hixon [illegible] Robert M[illegible] injured. The engine house [illegible] is wrecked and [illegible] of [illegible] new ovens is delayed [illegible]

[illegible] returns home from [illegible] weeks [illegible] business college.

Dr. [illegible] returns home [illegible] took a [illegible] diseases [illegible] of vision.

[illegible] Kurtz resigns as bookkeeper [illegible] of the [illegible] and leaves for [illegible] where he is to [illegible] for the Virginia Coal [illegible] Company.

[illegible] the German [illegible] near Youngstown, O.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 1897.

[illegible] trade [illegible] February [illegible] the region [illegible] in blast and [illegible] estimated production [illegible]

[illegible] aggregated [illegible] follows: To [illegible] points West [illegible] cars [illegible]

[illegible]

[illegible] boroughs of [illegible] as follows [illegible] agreement [illegible]

[illegible] Mrs. David Cumming [illegible]

[illegible] refusing [illegible]

[illegible] Yard.

BEHAVIOR MARKS FOR COPS; SECRECY IN SCORING PLAN

Patrolmen Get Stars in Their Crowns for Good Work During Month.

SHIPLEY IS HIGH MAN

Comparative Newcomer on Force Gets 10 Stars for the Month; Chief and Assistant Chief Get Only Fight Piece; Official Scorer Reticent.

Considerable secrecy surrounds the method of scoring in the department system recently adopted for the Connellsville police department According to the standing posted by City Clerk A O Bixler on Monday morning Patrolman Charles Shipley a comparative newcomer on the force was the leader for February Behind Shipley s name on the list are 10 neat little stars George Francis runs him a close second however for he has credit of nine and one quarter stars Just what the stars mean is not revealed and not even the cops understand how it is possible to divide a star into quarters and halves

Official Scorer Bixler was interviewd regarding the system of grading but he was very reluctant to give out any information for fear the patrolmen might get hep to the system and make him wear out the asterisk mark on his typewriter scoring up hoor marks for them

Upon what are the policemen graded? the scorer was asked He replid that for good deportment alone did they receive their stars

Does the man who makes the most arrests get the most stars? was a queston that brought forth an indignant answer in the negative The greatest number of arrests does not necessarily mean the greatest amount of good to the city Mr Bixler said Further inquiry brought forth the facts that the least arrests made did not put the policeman at the head of the merit list that cleanliness or good appearance did not count in the contest and that efficiency with gun or mace added nothing to a patrolman s score

Nevertheless the finely carried out system of marking which includes even halves and quarters of stars argued that some system must be followed in arranging the standing of the force Squire Bixler admitted it there was a system That system however was not for publication Even the cops themselves do not know what system they are working under

If a policeman knew just what the stars were awarded for said the city clerk he would naturally work just to receive the stars and neglect his other duties The policeman is expected to be resourceful and to work on his own account He s responsible for himself If he shows good deportment he gets the stars but the details of the honor roll system must remain unknown to him

Mr Bixler would not say just who originated the system Who awarded the stars he also refused to state but he intimated that he himself only made up and printed the monthly roll of honor He neglected further to mention how closely the person who does determine upon the grade watches the cops saying merely that this mysterious person knows when a guardian of the law has deported himself well

There is evidently no limit to the number of stars an officer may be awarded fo Mr Bixler said that the 10 stars received by Patrolman Shipley was not a perfect record as might be supposed

What is the object of the game? the city clerk was asked Is a gold medal awarded to the leader for several consecutive months or to the man who has the greatest total of stars for the year

I dont know was the reply

Well is the man who receives no stars fired?

I m not hiring or firing the policemen said Squire Bixler Just let the stars rest he added They ll work out all right

The cops themselves take the idea in different ways Some who have many stars in their crowns think it is a good joke perpetrated by Squire Bixler One however who has but a few stars with a quarter one added is quite indignant about it

As many arrests as I have made he says I get one of the lowest marks

Anyhow it s a gloriously uncertain life for the policemen a most like going to school again

The record of all the policemen for the past month is as follows Chief B Rottler 8 Lieutenant W B Bower 8 Detective J W Mitchell 5¾ Patrolman George Francis 9¼ Patrolman P M Rull 7 Patrolman Thomas McDonald 6 Patrolman Marshall Daugherty 6 Patrolman J H Barnes 7½ Patrolman D H Turner 8 Patrolman Charles Shipley 10, and Patrolman V Bert Richey 2 Patrolman Richey has been on the force but a few weeks

PREACHES HERE

Member of Faculty of Western Theological Seminary at Local Church.

Rev Frank Eakin a member of the faculty of the Western Theological Seminary preached at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday morning and evening in the absence of Rev J L Proudfit who is in Florida

At the morning service Miss Martha Eaton sang How Beautiful Upon the Mountain an exceptionally effective number which incidentally was the one used by Miss Eaton last Sunday when she was selected soprano in the quartet at the Bellefield Presbyterian Church Pittsburg a position to which 28 other soloists aspired

McCORMICK MAY SUCCEED McADOO

A Mitchell Palmer Also "Mentions" Sterling in Connection With Gubernatorial Nomination.

HARRISBURG March 6—That Vance C McCormick of Harrisburg Democratic national chairman is slated to succeed William G McAdoo secretary of the treasury when the latter retires from the Wilson Cabinet shortly that Congressman Bruce F Sterling of Uniontown is being mentioned as the Democratic candidate for Governor of Pennsylvania and that A Mitchell Palmer is not a candidate for the Democratic nomination for Governor were among the startling predictions of A Mitchell Palmer Democratic national committee man for Pennsylvania yesterday

Mr Palmer did not say that he would not be a candidate Colonel Richard Coulter of Greensburg commanding officer of the Tenth Regiment during its border service was eliminated from the list of gubernatorial possibilities by Mr Palmer He said he understood there had been some publicity on the subject in Pittsburg but that it had not attracted attention in the Last George C Guthrie S S Mehard Joseph F Guffey of Pittsburg and Judge S Leslie Mestrezat were also taken out of the fight by Mr Palmer s statement that they were able men but the situation called for a vigorous young fighter Just why Colonel Coulter would not come under this classification Mr Palmer did not state

It was admitted by Mr Palmer that Vance McCormick s appointment to the Cabinet would be the only thing to eliminate him from the gubernatorial fight

INSTRUCTS OPERATORS

Tri State Girls Taught Code System of Long Distance Operating

Chief operators of the 13 exchanges of the Tri State Telephone company were given instructions in the code system of long distance operating by Mrs M D Baine of Philadelphia traveling chief operator of the service traffic department at a meeting Monday morning in Uniontown Mrs Baine arrived yesterday morning and will devote the remainder of the week to inspection of exchanges where the system will be explained to each individual operator

The code system of long distance operating eliminates much talking in getting connections with a subscriber at a distant exchange Following the meeting the operators were guests of the Tri State company at a luncheon at the Hotel Titlow Among the out of town chief operators present were Mrs Nora Percy of Connellsville Miss Celia Lynch of Dunbar Miss Forker of Dawson Miss Amy Williams of Perryopolis Miss Martha Riche of Scottdale Miss Verna Stairs of Mount Pleasant and Miss Ruth Ewing of Smithfield

MRS. KERR ACTIVE

Local Woman Interested in Charities and Correction Work

At the 44th annual conference of charities and correction to be held in Pittsburg June 6 to 13 a special effort is being made to enlist the cooperation of persons outside the ranks of social workers and in Fayette county Mrs J French Kerr of Connellsville is now active in stimulating interest among women s clubs boards of trade civic organizations and churches and in organizing a large representation from the county Later other women will assist in the work here Pennsylvania has been districted so that each county will be covered by persons versed in civic and club interest to arouse enthusiasm in their sections

At the national conference in Pittsburg a program of papers by national authorities on such problems as child welfare the unmarried mother courts of domestic relations industrial welfare mothers pensions the administration of charitable agencies feeblemindedness and treatment of crime will be presented

LOCKJAW IS FATAL

Laborer Whose Foot Was Mashed Dies From Tetanus

Lockjaw caused from an injury resulted in the death of Elio Nuskoss of Dickerson Run Monday about 11 30 o clock at the Cottage State Hospital Nuskoss was a laborer for the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad and was admitted to the hospital February 2 for treatment of a mashed foot suffered when he was run down by a Pittsburg & Lake Erie train His left foot was badly mashed and the little toe had to be amputated Lockjaw developed Saturday afternoon

The body was removed to Funeral Director J F Sims parlors and prepared for burial Nuskoss was 27 years old and was married He was a Greek

Hospital Report.

The following report of the Cottage State Hospital for the month of February was submitted Thursday by Miss Rebecca Clowes superintendent of the hospital Number of patients at beginning of the month 24 admitted 53 discharged 43 died 2 remaining 31

J S Blacklin Better.

T S Blacklin engineer on No 8 and No 49 is recovering after a serious operation for appendicitis and gall stones at Allegany Hospital in Cumberland Mr Blacklin resided here before moving to Cumberland and has lots of friends who will be glad to know of his improvement

Killed in Mine.

Marshall Wolf 36 years old was killed Saturday morning in the Briar Hill mines by a fall of slate The body was shipped to Mr Wolf s home at Terra Alta W Va for interment

BELLEVERNON MAN IS ARRAIGNED ON A MURDER CHARGE

John C. Bush On Trial for Killing Andrew Nichols at South Brownsville.

STRONG FIGHT INDICATED

Commonwealth Will Seek First Degree Verdict, But Defense Will Vigorously Contest Case; Jose Nichols Expected to Tell Different Story.

UNIONTOWN March 6—John C Bush of Belle Vernon was arraigned before Judge J Q Van Swearingen in criminal court this forenoon for the killing of Andrew Nichols in a gambling dive in South Brownsville on last January 11 Shortly after court convened the accused man with his Attorneys Senator William E Crow and former District Attorney S Ray Shelby came into court He was arraigned by Deputy Clerk of Courts Darrell W Smiley and pleaded not guilty

How will you be tried? Bush was asked by the deputy clerk of courts

By God and my country the accused man replied

The panel of veniremen was called and the challenging of a jury began immediately

When Bush came into court this forenoon the large court room was crowded to the doors Many persons were standing about the walls unable to find seats and there were 70 students of the Uniontown high school civil government classes in the audience Several women were seated within the bar

It is expected that a great amount of time will be consumed in the selection of a jury The first talesman called was Kelly I Means of Vanderbilt who upon examination by Attorney McKean said that he had conscientious scruples against the infliction of the death penalty Whether the statewide movement to have the electric chair abolished and life imprisonment substituted for persons convicted of first degree murder will have an effect upon the talesmen to be examined in this case remains to be seen Senator Crow examined the talesmen for the defendant

That the trial of Bush will be vigorously contested was the opinion of attorneys and court spectators who were in court when the trial opened today It is evident that the commonwealth will ask for a verdict of first degree murder The star witness of the commonwealth likely will be Jose Nichols a brother of the dead man Jose Nichols was shot by Bush at the same time that his brother was killed He recovered however in the Brownsville General Hospital and will be called to testify at the trial by the commonwealth It has been hinted that the story he will tell on the witness stand will be quite different from the story that is said to have been told to police by the wounded man. ... hearing ... testified that the Nichols boys attacked Bush and that after Bush pulled a revolver from his pocket he warned them to let him alone and that he would let them alone

Adolph Herskovitz a local doctor of ... was found guilty in a verdict returned before Judge ... H Reppert in criminal court today of assault and battery upon Rudolph Babyak of the foreign department of the Fayette Title & Trust Company Witnesses testified that they saw Herskovitz in West Main street on September 11 beating Babyak over the head with a cane and at the same time the doctor s troubles came

Herskovitz was indicted on charges of assault and battery and wantonly pointing firearms but was acquitted on the latter charge He was represented by Attorneys J B Adams and L B Brownfield and Attorneys Joseph J Baer and J S Christy represented Babyak

GET HORSE THIEF

Man Wanted in Dunbar for Several Burglaries Arrested Here

Henry Turner alias Henry Harris was arrested here on Saturday evening on request of Policeman Roy May of Dunbar who charged him with being a horse thief and a burglar and house breaker

Turner it is alleged stole a horse and two cows from a farmer in the mountains above Chalk Hill Not content with his he purloined from various Dunbar homes a watch four rings a stick pin and $1 50 in money

His next move was to Connellsville where he became acquainted with a Peach street girl He was calling upon her Saturday night when her father who objected to him as a suitor for his daughter s hand informed the police that he believed Turner was the man wanted by the Dunbar police Turner was arrested while talking to the girl at her Peach street home

TRIES SUICIDE

Salesman Registering From Connellsville Takes Poison.

A man registering as W L Burns of Connellsville at the Ringgold Hotel at McKeesport L R Haight a traveling salesman residing at Grand Rapids Mich attempted suicide on Monday morning by swallowing three bichloride of mercury tablets

He is now in the McKeesport Hospital and is reported as fairly good He will give no reason for the alleged attempt to end his life

Lloyd Stillwagon Hurt

Lloyd Stillwagon employed by the Munson Heater Company is confined to his home in Connellsville township with injuries suffered Monday when a piece of iron struck him in the chest The force of the blow knocked him down causing a painful injury to his back

10 INCH SNOWFALL ENVELOPS REGION

Old Time Storm Is Followed by Drop in Temperature, 32 Inches at Sand Patch

One of the heaviest March snow storms of recent years occurred Sunday and Monday At noon the fall had reached about 10 inches The temperature dropped surprisingly too and zero weather for tonight is easily possible

Baltimore & Ohio railroaders report 32 inches of snow at Sand Patch tunnel To determine just how deep the snow was one man got out and measured it early this morning while his train was stopped It was then snowing hard and it is likely that several more inches were added during the morning At Rockwood 16 inches was reported

The snow began to fall late Saturday night and by Sunday morning some five inches were on the ground Throughout the day snow flurries and last night the snow was interspersed with rain and sleet

The continued cold and snow storms of the last month or more recalled to old timers today the famous winters of 1870 and following years when they say a foot of snow or more covered the ground for months at a time We don t seem to get any winter any more until February and March one said this morning We used to have it from November on

The West Penn was not hindered by the storm to any great extent Traffic was not suspended at any time

EMPLOYING MEN FOR SLIGO MILL

Every Indication That North End Steel Plant Will Resume in Side a Month

Hiring of men for work at Sligo began Monday This sign that the company intends to go ahead with the work here came as a result of council s agreement on Friday to introduce an ordinance exonerating the new company from taxes There seems little doubt but that the request of the Pittsburg men who are taking over the mill for exemption from both city and school taxes for a period of five years will be granted

Richard Irvin of Pittsburg leader of the party of capitalists who are reopening Sligo was in Connellsville on Saturday night His first actions were that any skilled millhands obtainable should be hired at once Laborers to put the mill into shape are easy to get and a fairly large force is at work Joseph McConnell in charge here anticipates no trouble in getting the mill workers here

Mr Irvin hopes to get Sligo into operation in about 30 days He says that he will have so many orders by that time that it will be practically impossible to fill them He himself is an experienced mill man having been both engineer and mill architect and it is likely that he will take a large part personally in the management of Sligo

C. E. RALLY NIGHT

First Presbyterian Society to Inaugurate Campaign

A special Christian Endeavor rally night will be observed by the society of the First Presbyterian Church of Connellsville on next Sunday evening at 6 30 o clock in the chapel The subject will be Spreading the Good News The meeting will be led by Ernest Yaw Music will be provided by a special hour and orchestra Everyone is cordially invited to be present

At business meeting held Friday evening of last week the new officers of the society took office and plans were made to provide for interesting meetings and increase of membership

MISSES CONNECTIONS

Principal Smith Has Irritating Journey From Kansas City

Principal B B Smith of the high school arrived in Connellsville Monday afternoon his return journey from Kansas City where he had been attending a convention of educators having been about as long drawn out and as irritating as possible Mr Smith was due here early Sunday evening having left Kansas City Saturday afternoon He lost 18 hours however on his way due to lateness of trains and missed connections

At Cleveland Youngstown and Pittsburg he was delayed in this way Some of the trouble was caused by the snow storm which raged Sunday

WANTS JAIL SENTENCE

Nugent, Charged With Larceny, Glad to be Committed

Thomas Nugent was committed to jail Monday afternoon by Alderman Fred Munk and he was quite overjoyed when he heard the verdict Nugent is close to 60 years of age and throughout the winter he says he has suffered from cold and hunger He told Alderman Munk that he wanted to go to jail and his wish was gratified

Nugent was charged with stealing another man s underclothing at the Baltimore & Ohio roundhouse He was arrested in the yards by railroad officers

Played in 16th Band.

The local band boys Robert Mulac James Luttermore Hugh Mulac and Bernard Burlhart who attended the inauguration of President Wilson at Washington marched with the 16th regiment band which regiment of Pennsylvania militia was accorded the honor of having the best appearing soldiers in the entire parade

Return to Duties

S P Ashe superintendent of the Connellsville schools and B B Smith principal of the high school returned home Sunday from Kansas City where they had been attending a national convention of educators during the past week

J. A. McCREARY TO OPEN GARAGE

Takes Over Old Francis Property and Will Build Modern Auto Repair Shop

By a deal closed within the last few days J A McCreary has taken over the old Francis property at the corner of Apple street and East Crawford avenue from Dr T R Francis and will erect a modern garage there The location it is thought will prove an extremely good one especially after the Pennsville road is improved and opened when East Crawford avenue will become part of one of the leading highways of this section

Plans for the erection of a two story fire proof structure have been completed and the contract for the brick and stone work has been let to Frank D Arria Excavation work will begin tomorrow The construction it is planned will be both modern and safe There will be entrances on Apple street and on Crawford avenue

Mr McCreary will take charge of the garage personally for a time at least He is a machinist of much skill and has had some experience with automobiles He plans to hire a good staff of machinists He will have the agency for three high priced cars and will carry a full line of accessories

The old stone house one of the landmarks of Connellsville is being torn down to make ready for the erection of the garage on the site Work on the dismantling of this building was begun some time ago by Dr Francis but part of it still stands

DIES AT AGE OF 102

Jacobs Creek Woman Passes Away After Long Life

Mrs Hannah Dial 102 years old died Sunday at her home at Jacobs Creek A B Morton a relative of the deceased went to Jacobs Creek this morning to attend the funeral services which were held this afternoon Mrs Dial was a cousin of Mr Morton s father

Mrs Dial better known as Grandmother Dial died at the home of her son John Dial Her anniversary was observed January 3 last with a family dinner Deceased was born near Scottdale in East Huntingdon township January 3 1815 On October 23 1833 she was married to Isaac Dial who was drowned in the Mississippi river at Pontusek on May 4 1850 To the union five children were born two of whom survive Mrs William Strawn of Albion Ill and John Dial of Jacobs Creek with whom his mother made her home During all her life Mrs Dial enjoyed good health She was the possessor of a remarkable memory which with other faculties she retained to the end Mrs Dial was made an honorary member of the Phoebie Bayard Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution at Greensburg but because she was unable to attend its meetings she declined the honor Deceased had been a member of the Methodist Church for 80 years

VEGETABLES DROP

Tubers Down to $2 an a Bushel in Pittsburg Markets

PITTSBURG March 6 Further decline was expected today in the potato market following a drop of as much as 50 cents a bushel yesterday Sales as low as $2 50 a bushel were reported Onions were also offered at $1 a 1 88 a hundred pound sack Two weeks ago they sold as high as $11

Advertise in The Weekly Courier

The Grim Reaper

G W DUNN

G W Dunn 62 years old a blacksmith at Laurel Hill for the past 35 years died on Monday at his home following a lingering illness Funeral Thursday morning at 11 o clock with Rev J B Reed of Uniontown formerly pastor of the Presbyterian Church at Laurel Hill officiating Interment in Laurel Hill cemetery Deceased is survived by his widow and the following children William Dunn and Mrs Anna Shaffer of Donora and Robert S Dunn of Smock Three brothers James and Elmer Dunn of Uniontown John Dunn of Walters burg and three sisters Mrs Agnes Dunnis and Mrs Joanna Ball of Leisenring No 1 and Mrs Lita Woodward of Donora also survive

ETHEL JUNE VARNDELL

Ethel June Varndell one year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Herman Varndell died on Monday at her home in Uniontown The child died on the 25th birthday of her father who is a West Penn motorman

J MELVIN CROUSE

J Melvin Crouse the five months old son of John P and Helen Sanner Crouse died Monday night about 10 o clock at the family residence in Patterson avenue The body was shipped to Confluence on Tuesday on Baltimore & Ohio train No 16 by Funeral Director J F Sims and removed to the home of C M Sanner grandfather of the deceased Funeral services from the Sanner home tomorrow afternoon Interment in the Confluence cemetery

WILLIAM KERN

William Kern about 71 years old a veteran of the Civil War and a resident of Springfield township virtually all his life died on Tuesday at his home on a farm about a mile from Normalville following a several months illness of complications of diseases Mr Kern for many years followed the occupation of a farmer Of late years he had lived a retired life He was twice married His second wife and a family of grown children survive

JOHN MULLIGAN

John Mulligan a former well known resident of Connellsville and a brother in law of Alderman Eugene O Donovan of the West Side died Friday afternoon at his home at Glenwood following a lingering illness Requiem high mass was celebrated Monday morning at 9 o clock from St Stephen s Catholic Church The body arrived here Monday afternoon and was removed to St. Joseph s cemetery for interment Mr Mulligan was born in Ireland a son of Mr and Mrs Thomas Mulligan He came to this country with his parents about 60 years ago Mr Mulligan was at one time employed at the Baltimore & Ohio shops here and for a number of years resided on Water street After locating at Glenwood he worked in the shops of the same company In addition to his widow he is survived by two sisters Mrs Margaret Kenney of Glenwood Mrs Maria O Malley of Hazlewood and one brother James H Mulligan at West Homestead Mr Mulligan was a brother of the late Mrs Eugene O Donovan of the West Side

MRS WINIFRED FLYNN DRONEY

Mrs Winifred Flynn Droney 46 years old wife of Thomas P Droney died Sunday morning at her home in South Water street Mrs Droney had been in poor health for some time past and since a week ago today her condition had been serious pneumonia being the immediate cause of her death Funeral Tuesday morning at 8 30 o clock from the house and at 9 o clock requiem high mass was celebrated at the Immaculate Conception Church by Rev Father John T Burns Interment in St Joseph s cemetery Deceased was born at Du bois Pa May 1 1870 a daughter of the late Mr and Mrs Patrick F Flynn She had been a resident of Connellsville for about 23 years Her marriage to Thomas P Droney took place about 30 years ago Mrs Droney was a member of the Immaculate Conception Church and of the Woman s Benefit Association of the Maccabees In addition to her husband she is survived by two sisters Mrs J B Yolone of Irwin formerly of Connellsville and Mrs Luke Gillen of the West Side The Woman s Benefit Association of the Maccabees will hold services at the Droney home this evening at 7 30 o clock

MRS JOHN McVAY

Mrs John McVay died Saturday morning at her home in North Union township Funeral services were held Monday afternoon from Pleasant View Church Deceased was a sister of Mrs Joan Martin of Perryopolis and of Mrs Charles Chalfant of Uppermiddletown

ALBERT DE BERNARDO

Albert De Bernardo of Elm Grove nine years old died Sunday at the Cottage State Hospital following an operation for an affection of the left leg He was admitted to the hospital March 1 The body was removed to Funeral Director J L Stader s parlors and prepared for burial Later it was taken to the home of Mrs Emma Praelle at Elm Grove mother of the deceased Interment this afternoon in St. Joseph s cemetery

CATHERINE E COOLEY

Catherine Ellen Cooley seven seven months old daughter of Mr and Mrs Guy B Cooley died Friday at noon at the family residence in Lower Tyrone township Funeral Sunday afternoon at 1 30 o clock from the Cochran Memorial Methodist Church at Dawson with Rev H A Baum the pastor officiating Interment in Dickerson Run cemetery

MRS MINNIE RATOFSKY

Mrs Minnie Ratofsky 59 years old wife of Carl Ratofsky died Saturday at her home at Broad Ford following a stroke of paralysis suffered last Sunday Mrs Ratofsky was born in Germany April 12 1858 and was twice married Her first husband August Kurtz was killed on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad a short distance from Connellsville 13 years ago Mrs Ratofsky was a member of the German Lutheran Church and had resided at Broad Ford for 1 years In addition to her husband she is survived by the following children Rudolph Kurtz and Walter Kurtz of Broad Ford Edward Kurtz of Brownsville John Kurtz and Henry Kurtz of Trotter Charles and Jean Kurtz of Broad Ford Mrs Mary Biber of Pittsburg and Mrs Emma Shipley of the West Side She is also survived by six stepchildren August Ratofsky of Footedale Mrs Lena Thomas of Continental Oscar Ratofsky of Akron O Arthur Ratofsky and Walter Ratofsky of Broad Ford and a brother in Wisconsin and one sister Mrs Mary Combs of Phillips

Funeral from the house Monday afternoon at 1 o clock and at 2 o clock from the German Lutheran Church Rev George Dietz the pastor officiated Interment in Hill Grove cemetery

PATRICK V KEARNEY

Patrick V Kearney 34 years old son of Henry and Mary Kearney of Leisenring No 1 died Friday afternoon at the residence of Hugh Cuyton North Side Pittsburg following a lingering illness of pneumonia The body was brought to Connellsville and removed by Funeral Director J Stader to the Kearney home at Leisenring Solemn requiem high mass was celebrated at St Vincent de Paul Church at Leisenring Monday morning at 9 30 o clock by Rev Father J J Greaney Deceased had been located in Pittsburg for some time past In addition to his parents he is survived by the following brothers and sisters Harry Bernard and William Kearney Miss Elizabeth Kearney all at home Mrs John Cook of Leisenring and Miss Anna Kearney of Connellsville Mr and Mrs Kearney parents of the deceased received a telegram Friday stating that their son was seriously ill and when they stopped in Connellsville on their way to his bedside another telegram awaited them announcing his death

MRS LINDLEY NEWCOMER

Mrs Lindley Newcomer 68 years old died on Tuesday at 11 o clock at her home in Highland avenue Funeral from the family residence Thursday afternoon at 2 o clock and from the Methodist Protestant Church at 2 30 o clock Mrs Newcomer for a number of years resided in the West Side She is survived by her husband and a family of grown children including Mrs Martin King of South Connellsville Mrs George Swallop and Mrs H F Penn of Connellsville

MRS WOOD LYNCH

Mrs Wood Lynch died Sunday at her home in Lower Tyrone township She is survived by three small children

STEWART NEWCOMER

Word was received in Connellsville Thursday from Dr G W Newcomer now at St Petersburg Fla of the death on February 23 of Stewart Newcomer at St Helena Napa county Cal The deceased was one of the 10 children of Jacob and Elizabeth Hershey Newcomer and was born January 25 1840 on the farm in Lower Tyrone township upon which John Newcomer the paternal grandfather of the family settled about 1790 when coming to Fayette county from Maryland Stewart Newcomer went to California in 1860 and has since resided in that state He is survived by his widow and five children and by one sister Mrs S S Stahl of Connellsville but temporarily residing in St Petersburg Fla. and by four brothers Two of these A G and J C Newcomer reside at Dawson B F Newcomer in the state of Washington and Dr G W Newcomer in Connellsville

JOSEPH M SEARLE

Joseph M Searle a brother in law of Mrs W O Schoonover died Friday at his home in Pittsburg Mr Searle was a mechanical engineer and served as chief smoke inspector under Mayor William A Magee of Pittsburg He married Miss Flora Beryl Day a daughter of Rev and Mrs Day of New Alexandria Pa and a sister of Mrs W O Schoonover

MISS FANNIE M MAHANEY

Miss Fannie Margaret Mahaney 40 years old one of the best known residents of Dunbar died Saturday at her home following a week s illness of pneumonia Funeral from the family residence near the Hill farm Monday morning at 8 30 o clock and at 9 o clock requiem high mass being celebrated at St Aloysius Catholic Church by Rev Father P J Brennan Interment in St Aloysius cemetery Miss Mahaney was born at Dunbar and spent all her life there She has a wide circle of friends by whom she was highly esteemed Her parents are dead The following brothers and sisters survive Jerry Daniel and Charles Mahaney of Dunbar Dennis Mahaney of Connellsville Mrs. John McHugh Mrs James McElhaney Mrs Nellie Ravcamp and Miss Nora Mahaney all of Pittsburg

JOSEPHUS RIFFLE

Josephus Riffle 89 years old one of the oldest residents of German township died Friday afternoon at his home near Woodside following an illness of pneumonia Mrs Riffle who is critically ill at her home and six children survive

MISS MARY ELLIOTT

Miss Mary Elliott 25 years old daughter of Rev Adam B Elliott pastor of the Lemington avenue Presbyterian Church Pittsburg and a sister of Rev Paul H Elliott of Smithfield died Tuesday in the West Penn Hospital Pittsburg She was graduated from the Slippery Rock State Normal

CATHERINE M LOHR

Catherine M Lohr the five year old daughter of Mr and Mrs Samuel Lohr of Indian Head died Wednesday of tonsilitis The interment will be made in Mount Nebo cemetery near Champion

THOMAS MADDEN

Thomas Madden 59 years old a general contractor in Pittsburg died Wednesday morning Mr Madden was a brother in law of D C Foltz of Dunbar and an uncle of Mrs R M Carroll of Uniontown

JEAN ENSLEY

Jean Ensley the nine year old daughter of Mr and Mrs B J Ensley of Greenwood died Thursday at the family residence in Eighth street, following an illness of pneumonia

MRS BURDY PUTKO

Mrs Burdy Putko 33 years old died early Friday morning at her home at Leisenring No 1 Deceased was the wife of Albert Putko Funeral Sunday with interment in St John s cemetery.

DUHAVER WARD SMITH

Duhaver Ward Smith 49 years old died Thursday at 11 30 o clock at the home of his brother Oliver A Smith 0 North Pittsburg street following a brief illness of pneumonia Funeral Saturday afternoon at 4 o clock from the Smith residence with Rev G L C Richardson pastor of the First Methodist Episcopal Church officiating Private interment in Hill Grove cemetery Deceased was born in Winchester Va in 1868

MARGARET KRISIK

Margaret Krisik daughter of Mr and Mrs Jacob Krisik died at the family residence in Dunbar township Interment Tuesday in St Johns cemetery

MISS BERTHA CASE

Miss Bertha Case a primary teacher in the Uniontown public schools for 20 years died Sunday evening at her home in Uniontown following a brief illness of pneumonia, from which she had been suffering for the past week

LUCILLE MORGART

Lucille Morgart the four weeks old daughter of Mr and Mrs J C at the Allegheny General Hospital Pittsburg following an operation for bowel trouble The body arrived ... morning on Baltimore & Ohio train No 17 and was removed by Funeral Director J F Sims to Hill Grove cemetery for interment The child s father formerly resided in Connellsville

SOUNDS SOLEMN WARNING TO ANY FACTION AGAINST EMBARRASSING THE NATION

New Responsibility Imposed On U. S. in Last 30 Months, He Says.

MUST STAND FOR PEACE

Overcast Skies Threaten Rain or Snow But Inaugural Ceremonies Pass Off Without a Hitch; Olive Drab Clad Guardsmen Line the Parade Route.

WASHINGTON, March 5.—President Wilson took the oath of office in public at 12:45 o'clock this afternoon and delivered his inaugural address before a great crowd which packed the plaza at the east front of the Capitol.

Vice President Marshall had been inaugurated in the Senate chamber a few minutes before.

With a consecration to the nation's service, the President touching on the international crisis declared there could now be no turning back from the tragical events of the last 30 months which have brought on Americans a new responsibility as citizens of the world. The President declared anew that America must stand for peace, stability of free peoples, national equality in matters of right, that the seas must be free to all and that the family of nations shall not support any government not derived from the consent of the governed.

Sounding a solemn warning to the nation against any faction or intrigue to break the harmony or embarrass the spirit of the American people, he called for an America "united in feeling, in purpose and in its vision of duty, of opportunity and of service."

At the conclusion of his address the President led the inaugural procession back to the White House where it passed in review before him.

The President took the oath standing bareheaded. Mrs. Wilson standing just a few feet away. He shook hands immediately with the chief justice and with the Vice President.

He lifted his head to the crowd and began at once to deliver his address while the crowd leaned forward, but the high wind made it impossible for those more than a few feet away to hear. Even the crowds in the nearby stands could hear nothing and many of them, chilled by the cold wind and uncomfortable wet benches, went away.

In his address President Wilson said:

"We shall be more Americans if we but remain true to the principles in which we have been bred. They are not the principles of a province or of a single continent. We have known and boasted it along that they were the principles of a liberated mankind.

"These, therefore, are the things we shall stand for whether in war or peace.

"That all nations are equally interested in the peace of the world and in the political stability of free peoples and equally responsible for their maintenance.

"That the essential principle of peace is the actual equality of nations in all matters of right or privilege.

"That peace cannot securely or justly rest upon an armed balance of power.

"That governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed and that no other powers should be supported by common thought, purpose or power of the family of nations.

"That the seas should be equally free and safe for the use of all peoples under rules set up by common agreement and consent and that so far as practicable they should be acceptable to all upon equal terms.

"That national armament should be limited to the necessities of national order and domestic safety.

"That the community of interests and of power upon which peace must henceforth depend imposes upon each nation the duty of seeing to it that all influences proceeding from its own citizens meant to encourage or assist revolution in other states should be sternly and effectually suppressed and prevented.

"I need not argue these principles to you my fellow countrymen, they are part and parcel of your own thinking and your motive in affairs. They spring up native among us. Upon this as a platform of purpose and action we can stand together."

WAS LEISENRING MAN.

Man Found Unconscious at Buckeye is Identified.

The man found in an unconscious condition at Buckeye last Wednesday by the superintendent, John Q. Finch, has partly recovered from the injuries to his head which caused his trouble, and has given his name as Walter Youghak. At the Mount Pleasant Memorial Hospital, where he was taken for treatment, he has also stated that he is 40 years old and that his home is in Leisenring No. 3.

He is unable to say just why he came to Buckeye, or how he was injured there.

Organize Secret Society

A secret society, the purpose and origin of which are unknown, has been organized among the boys of the senior class in the high school. The society is known by the letters R. O. O. C. The members of the trigonometry class are thought to be the organizers but are close-mouthed about what they intend to do.

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.

SOX FOR WOMEN IN STORES HERE

Half Hose in Gay Colors Will Be Extensively Worn This Summer, So They Say.

They're here. Even though it's too cold to wear them, they're on display in at least one store here and to say that they are "being inspected with interest," is putting it mildly. What? Why, socks for women, which, it is authoritatively stated, will be extensively worn this summer.

The Society Editor was assigned to go out and see what they are like. She returned with the information that they are "pretty" and the assurance of the saleslndies that "they will be worn."

The socks are about as long as the variety worn by men. In colors they run considerably gayer than *those that adorn masculine legs*. Blue with white stripes, loud polka dots, black and whites and a lot of other color schemes are carried out. At the end where the foot isn't, there is a broad band of colors. This is intended to be turned down to conceal the garter. At least, that's the explanation given in the stores. And it sounds reasonable, for something must be worn to keep them from falling down and this "something" looks better if it's concealed.

The socks may be worn with flesh colored hose of regulation length or without. The latter way is cooler But low shoes are absolutely essential for the socks would hardly extend beyond the tops of the high shoes now worn. Just how to reconcile socks, without stockings, with some of the extremely short skirts will be something of a problem.

The storekeepers do not expect that socks will be merely a fad. They contend that in the hot weather they will be so much more *comfortable* that even the most conservative women will wear them. In the cities, so a girl who was away at school states, they became quite fashionable last summer.

SAVE COUNTY $18,000

Westmoreland Commissioners Get Reduction In Bridge Price.

County Commissioner Berkey H. Boyd of Scottdale and George W. Deeds of Ligonier by their refusal to waive the right of appeal and stand upon the assertion that the price set by the viewers, upheld by the courts, and agreed to by the Allegheny county and one Westmoreland county commissioner saved Westmoreland county $18,000 on the price of the recently freed bridge between Westmoreland and Allegheny counties at New Kensington. It may be that they saved twice that much, for the Allegheny county commissioners dropped out of the case just before it was to be called in the Washington county courts, to which it had been certified. The New Kensington Bridge Company asked $250,000 for the bridge, but the viewers of the two counties, and a majority of the commissioners, agreed on $140,000.

Commissioners Boyd and Deeds stood out that the price was still an excessive one, and refused to waive their right of appeal, as the others had done. The case was heard and a verdict was rendered for $108,500. As the Allegheny county commissioners dropped out, it is claimed that they have obligated themselves to pay one-half of the price set by the viewers. It is claimed that Westmoreland would then be under obligation to pay only the remaining amount to make the $108,500, or $38,500.

STATE MAN TO SPEAK

Representative of Health Department Will Address Educators.

Dr. William C. Miller of the State Department of Health at Harrisburg, will speak on "School Hygiene," at a meeting of the Fayette County Educational Association to be held Saturday at New Salem. Other speakers are S. S. Strosnider, H. G. Vincent, a teacher in the high school of German township; J. E. Roberts, principal of the Point Marion schools; Superintendent Albert Montgomery of the German township schools; Farm Agent P. E. Dougherty, and Evans Dale Fields, an instructor at the California State Normal.

In the evening a program has been arranged by the New Salem teachers: Reading, Miss Grace Jolly of the department of elocution at the California State Normal; address, "The Three C's in Education," H. C. Freeland, superintendent of the Greene county schools; address, "Investments and Dividends," George T. Dunkelberger of the California State Normal; a supervised play and drills.

GETS NEW POSITION.

J. Whitney Soisson Successful in Insurance Field in Cleveland.

J. Whitney Soisson, formerly of Connellsville, who has been located in Cleveland for the last year as general agent for the Girard Life Insurance company, was recently appointed superintendent of agents for the Cleveland agency of the Provident Life & Trust company, with headquarters at Cleveland.

The Provident Life & Trust company is one of the largest in the United States. Mr. Soisson's friends are pleased to learn of his success in the insurance field.

Oliver Robinson Ill.

Oliver Robinson is ill at his home on North Pittsburg street. Mr. Robinson is 94 years old.

PORTER FALLS INTO SKYLIGHT

James Strange, Wright-Metzler Employe, Hurt When He Plunges From Ladder.

James Strange, colored porter at the Wright-Metzler Department store, suffered a fractured elbow about 5 o'clock Thursday when he fell from a ladder while repairing a third floor skylight. He fell to the second floor and was unconscious for a half hour as a result of the blow. A physician was summoned and his injuries were dressed. He was resting easily today.

Strange had his ladder standing on the second floor skylight while he worked on the one directly above. In some manner the ladder slipped and fell. He struck on the second floor skylight and would have gone through it, but for the fact that he became tangled in the rungs of the ladder. A piece of the heavy glass was broken from the second floor skylight. It struck the first floor skylight and went through to the cellar. Had any one been standing at that spot he would have been seriously hurt.

The only damage done was the breaking of the glass in the two skylights. What caused the ladder to slip is not known but probably the movements of Strange at the top end, caused it to slip on the glass.

The injured man was given first aid by Percy Sheetz of the men's clothing department, until a physician arrived.

One of the women clerks and a customer had narrow escapes from injury, having just passed over the skylight on the first floor which was badly damaged by the broken glass from the skylight on the second floor.

DENIES DESERTION

Wife of Wealthy Coal Operator Files Answer to Divorce Suit.

Mrs. Alberta Lynn of Philadelphia, today filed an answer to the suit of her husband, Jacob H. Lynn, Uniontown coal operator, for a divorce on the grounds of desertion.

Mrs. Lynn denies that she deserted her husband but charges that indignities to the person, violent and unprovoked attacks, insults and refusals to provide for her support caused her to leave their home at Langehorn, Bucks county. She avers that her husband kept firearms in conspicuous places about their home and threatened her at various times.

Mr. Lynn is reputed to be worth half a million dollars. His wife instituted suit for divorce in the Philadelphia county courts on April 30, 1915, asking $400 a month alimony and declaring her husband's income was $10,000 a month.

EGG FOR STOGIE

Critchfield Receives Precious "Hen Fruit" In Exchange for Smoke.

Potatoes are not the only product on the market that are being used as exchange. Saturday a young fellow who had eggs to sell at 43 cents a dozen (but who hadn't sold any and therefore was "broke") wanted a smoke.

He paid *Foster Critchfield one egg* for a three cent stogie. The cigar man's gain was about one-half cent.

At the Paramount Theatre yesterday an admission was bought with a very large potato. The tuber was full of "eyes" and the ticket seller is thinking of keeping it until spring to plant it and perhaps get a peck from it.

ON THE JURY

Big Representation From This End of the County.

Among the 24 men composing the grand jury this week are: A. P. Freed and George Marth, Connellsville; William Bruce and Ernest Price, South Connellsville; George Clark, Dunbar township; John Dickey and George Dahl, Springfield township.

Among the veniremen summoned for petit jury service this week are: R. W. Allen, F. A. Buttermore, Harry Bowers, Otis Carpenter, Marshall Craig, W. E. DeBolt, W. W. Edie, Dow F. Jones, John McCoy and F. W. Rivers, all of Connellsville.

TAKE NO ACTION.

General Worth Lodge to Consider Odd Fellows Temple Site Later.

General Worth Lodge I. O. O. F. on Saturday night deferred action on the question of choosing a site for the proposed new Odd Fellows temple The lodge will consider the question again next Friday night and will probably decide at that time in favor of one of the three sites selected by the committee. There was much discussion at Saturday's meeting but no definite action was taken.

General Worth Lodge will meet on Friday nights regularly after April 1.

FOOD PRICES DROP.

Sugar and Potatoes Cheaper Than a Week Ago.

Food prices took a sudden drop during the last few days in practically all the Connellsville stores. Sugar is retailing at nine to ten cents a pound in a few of the lower priced stores, and a bushel of potatoes costs just 40 cents less than it did a week ago.

There were slight decreases in the cost of some products and increases in others but the food situation, local dealers say, is more hopeful now than for some time.

Messenger Hurt.

Robert Wernitz, messenger on Baltimore & Ohio train No. 69, is confined to his home in Pittsburg with a mashed foot suffered several night ago while on duty. He is being relieved by James W. Watson of this city, a former messenger on train No. 69.

New X-Ray Machine.

New X-ray equipment has arrived and is being installed in the Brownsville General Hospital. The machine is the latest model Snook outfit.

SIGNBOARDS BADLY NEEDED ON COUNTY ROADS, JUDGE SAYS

Grand Jury Told of Necessity for Pointing Out Right of Way to Travelers.

SHEEP KILLING DEPLORED

Responsibility Rests on Assessors, Tax Collectors, Commissioners and Constables for Not Killing Untaxed Sheep Killing Dogs, Jurist Declares.

UNIONTOWN, March 5.—Judge J. Q. Van Swearingen charged the grand jury today at the opening of the March term of court. He directed to the attention of the grand inquest and the people of the county the necessity for index boards at cross roads, and discussed the laws of the state regarding them. Judge Van Swearingen also called to the attention of the constables of the county the law providing for the killing of untaxed sheep killing dogs.

John M. Hare, tax collector of Washington township, was appointed as foreman of the grand jury.

The address of Judge Van Swearingen to the grand jury follows in part:

"There are two or three special matters to which we have been requested to call the attention not only of the grand jury but particularly of the constables and other county and township officials.

"Complaint has come to the court that the law relative to sign posts and index boards at cross roads is not being observed. An act passed by the *legislature of Pennsylvania on June* 13, 1836, P. L. 551, which is still in force, provides that the road supervisors shall cause posts to be erected at the intersection of all public roads within their respective townships with boards firmly fixed thereon, and index hands pointing to the direction of such roads on which boards shall be inscribed in large and legible characters, the names of the towns, villages, or places to which such roads may lead, and the distances thereto computed in miles. It was provided further by the legislature at that time that if any supervisor, after ten days' personal notice, shall neglect or refuse to put up, or keep in complete repair such index boards as are required by the act, such supervisor for every such offense shall be subject to a fine of $10, and that every person who shall wilfully destroy or injure any such guide post or index board shall be subject to a fine of from $5 to $15.

"It has been suggested also and urged that in the construction of improved roads, where detour routes are made necessary by the closing of portions of oads for a time, such detour routes be plainly designated by appropriate signs and index boards, not only at their remini but throughout their entire courses, so that travelers *on the roads may not be inconvenienced*. It has been pointed out that in the absence of such detour signs and index boards travelers on the roads often find themselves on the torn up portions of the roads, from which they are unable to extricate themselves without injury to the road improvements, as in the case of green concrete work, or to the conveyances in which they are traveling, and at times without danger to their lives or injury to their property."

Judge Van Swearingen calls attention to the fact that there are 1,700 miles of public roads in the county, that there were 3,750 automobiles and motor vehicles in the county in 1916 and that there will be 4,500 in 1917; that there are 2,100 farmers in the county, 500 of whom own or operate automobiles. These facts alone should call attention to the needs of signboards, he says.

"Complaint also has reached the court from the Fayette County Farm Bureau relative to the non-enforcement of the law relative to the killing of untaxed sheep killing dogs. Full provision is made by the law for the assessment, taxation and tagging of good dogs, and for the killing of those on which taxes have not been paid and that are not properly tagged The responsibility for the enforcement of the law is *placed on assessors, tax* collectors, county commissioners and constables, each having his particular duty to perform, and penalties are provided in cases where the requirements of the law are not observed. The laws were passed for the protection of the people in the security of their property, and are of value particularly to the farmers and sheep breeders of the county, and the members of the Farm Bureau are acting strictly in the line of propriety in insisting that worthless dogs be killed. Public attention is called to the matter in this way to the end that the law may be enforced by those whose duty it is to enforce it. Last year the county paid nearly $2,000 to the owners of sheep killed by dogs, which makes it to the interest of every taxpayer that the officers charged with responsibility in the matter perform their duties."

EYE IS REMOVED.

Accident to Apprentice Results in Loss of Sight.

Howard Lowe of Tenth street, the Baltimore & Ohio apprentice who suffered an injury to the eye Thursday afternoon, lost the sight as the result, it being necessary to remove the eye.

The operation was performed Friday afternoon at the Cottage State Hospital where young Lowe has been a patient since the accident occurred.

Dr. McClenathan Critical.

Dr. J. C. McClenathan is critically ill at his home in South Pittsburg street.

NEW FLOOD LIGHTING SYSTEM

Will be Demonstrated on the Crawford Memorial When it is Erected on the Library Grounds in May.

On the night of the unveiling of the Colonel William Crawford monument on the Carnegie library lawn, the West Penn will flood light the statue as a demonstration of this new and wonderful method of electric light projection. It is altogether possible that means of providing flood lighting of the monument may be provided.

W. W. Edie, illuminating engineer for the West Penn, has evolved a scheme to flood light the statue on the Pittsburg street side. The light will be projected from one or more nearby buildings by a series of reflectors.

Flood lighting has come into prominence after recent illuminations of the Statue of Liberty in New York harbor and the Brooklyn bridge. The latter lighting was installed in an incredibly short period of time, at the time the break with Germany was announced. By the use of powerful lights and reflectors every part of the bridge is brightly illuminated so that guards can see every portion of it. A possible plot to blow it up is frustrated from its inception by the lights.

The Statue of Liberty was flood lighted for the first time on December 2. Banks of projectors are concealed in each of the points of the 11-pointed star forming the foundation of the statue reinforced by smaller banks of projectors at three other locations on the island.

E. H. MARSHALL BETTER

Local Man is Treated by His Nephew, Dr. Clifford Marshall.

E. H. Marshall, who has been seriously ill for several weeks, is able to be up and around his home, having been attended for several days by his nephew, Dr. Clifford Marshall, who came here from Sharon, Pa., on a business trip about the time E. H. Marshall was stricken. Dr. Marshall returned home as soon as his uncle was out of danger.

Dr. Marshall has been unusually successful for a young doctor. He took a seven year course at Jefferson Medical college, a post graduate course at Johns Hopkins and then specialized for two years in Germany. On his return from Germany, his cousin was struck by a street car at Youngstown, O., and hospital surgeons pronounced his neck broken. His wife was not satisfied and summoned Dr. Marshall who maintained that the neck was dislocated, not broken. Although the older physicians scouted the idea, he took the case and his cousin recovered and has since served a term as register and recorder of Mercer county, O. The cure brought young Dr Marshall tremendous practise

INQUIRES FOR SWINK

North Carolina Man Seeks Early German Immigrants or Decendants.

UNIONTOWN, Mar. 3.—Clerk of Courts Richard Davis has received the following letter from W. J. Swink, secretary and treasurer of the Patterson Manufacturing company, manufacturers of yarns and sheetings, China Grove, N. C.:

"The census of 1790 gives the names of Jacob and George Swink as living in your county at that date. Will you kindly let me know if there are any Swinks in your county at this time and do your records show if the Swinks named in the 1790 census were the original emigrants from Germany or were they the sons of the first emigrants? If they are, can you give me the names of the first settlers and the date of their arrival in this country? Any information that you can give me along this line will be very much appreciated."

Records in the office of the clerk of courts are only criminal records, and do not disclose any Swinks. It is believed that there are several families now residing in the northern part of the county.

MACHINE CATCHES ARM

Leo George Suffers Injured Arm in Macaroni Machine.

Leo George of Tenth street, West Side, 18 years old, employed at the Connellsville Macaroni factory, while operating a machine at the plant, had his left arm caught in the machinery. He was removed to the Cottage State hospital and an X-ray picture of the arm will be taken to discover the extent of the injury.

Ivan Dietz, son of Rev. and Mrs. George Dietz, underwent an operation for appendicitis on Monday at the hospital. Tony Johnitas, 45 years old, was admitted for medical treatment.

Patrick Fitzmaurice of Morrell, while sleeping on the coke ovens at Mount Braddock, Friday night, suffered burns of both arms and an injury to the knee. Fitzmaurice, who is 32 years old, told the hospital authorities that he fell into the coke ovens.

In Serious Condition.

A. Welsh, a fireman on the Connellsville division of the Baltimore & Ohio, is in a serious condition in the Allegany Hospital at Cumberland. He suffered a paralytic stroke after an attack of typhoid. E. C. Lendon of Connellsville, a well known Baltimore & Ohio engineer, visited Mr. Welsh yesterday.

Mrs. Harmon Better.

The condition of Mrs. A. S. Harmon of East Crawford avenue, who was been confined to her home with painful injuries, suffered about a week ago when she fell on the West Penn switch at Murphy's Siding about a week ago, is improved.

Get Marriage Licenses.

Arther Burgess of Perryopolis, and Marie Wingrove of Dawson; Daniel Stimmell of Dunbar, and Emma Dingle of Denbo, were granted marriage licenses in Uniontown Saturday.

SLIGO PURCHASERS ASK EXONERATION

Will Not Invest Here Unless Exempted From Paying School and City Taxes.

Exoneration from both city and school taxes is sought by the Pittsburg capitalists who propose to take over Sligo mill here, Richard Irvin, leader of the party, making this statement in a letter read by J. S. Bryner at the conference of city council Saturday afternoon:

"Unless the city officials are willing to make some material and definite statement in regard to taxation, the moneyed people will not invest in Connellsville."

The letter further stated that the people of the city have not been asked to put any money into the enterprise, while the company proposes to invest nearly $200,000 within two or three years.

The Pittsburg men desire complete exemption for five years. It is likely that council will adopt at its next meeting a resolution exonerating the company for one year, and recommending exoneration for four more. J. S. Bryner, who is trying to close up the negotiations between the Pittsburg men and Charles Davidson, present owner of the Sligo plant, also interviewed several school directors yesterday and they seemed to be favorable to the proposition.

PAVING BOND ISSUE PASSES

South Connellsville Voters Approve Loan of $22,000 for Improved Streets.

The South Connellsville $22,000 bond issue for paving and street improvements was passed at Saturday's special election by the voters of that borough. Those favoring the proposed issue of bonds numbered 357, while only 51 voted against it, giving the required authority to council to increase the indebtedness of the borough, by a majority of 306.

The vote was unusually light, since there are about 500 registered voters in South Connellsville. Only 208 of this number cast ballots on Saturday. There was little sentiment against the measure, and no organized opposition. Practically all the residents seem to approve council's policy of improving and modernizing the borough

RESENTS "OVERT ACT"

Betters-Collins Skirmish Ends in Peace Without Victory.

When Art Collins and James Betters had some hard words Saturday night, James, according to Patrolman Daugherty, merely stood still and waited for Art to commit an "overt act." When it came, Betters waded into Collins, but Patrolman Daugherty proved that "peace without victory" is quite possible by arresting them both. Art left a $5 forfeit and did not appear for a hearing. James was discharged at the recommendation of Patrolman Daugherty, who said he had fought in self-defense. The fight is alleged to have taken place at Crawford avenue and Ninth street, West Side.

James Greene, arrested Saturday by Patrolman Hulli after he had driven past Brimstone Corner at a terrific speed, left a forfeit of $2.50 and did not appear for a hearing in police court. Greene's horse plunged just across the cornerman's slab, and had not Hulli jumped out of the way he would have been run down. Greene did not stop until he had reached Church place, when he told the cop that the horse was wild and he was unable to control him. Hulli, however, charged him with being drunk and disorderly and took him to the lockup.

Gets a Divorce

Mrs. Caroline Margaret Addis of Connellsville, was granted a divorce on Saturday from her husband, Emmet Moral Addis of Vanderbilt, on grounds of cruel and barbarous treatment.

STUDENTS POOL MONEY FOR SEEDS

South Side Youngsters Adopt Co-operative Plan of Buying; Gardening Takes Boom.

The co-operative idea in efforts to reduce the high cost of living has impressed pupils of the seventh and eighth grades of the South Side school as being a good one. The enterprising youngsters have formed a club for the purpose of buying seeds in quantities, thus securing them much cheaper than by individual purchase.

Teachers have interested the pupils in flower and vegetable raising. The girls will plant flowers and the boys garden truck. Vacant lots will be much in demand. By forming a pool of their seed money it was possible to get much more for what they had to spend.

So far as known this is the only school to take up gardening in an organized way. Parents and teaches are encouraging them in every way possible.

DIXON ESTATE WORTH $220,000

Local Hotel Man Leaves Much Valuable Real Estate, Coal Land and Stocks.

An estate valued at $220,000 was left by John Dixon, Sr., proprietor of the Central Hotel, who died last week. The will was probated in Uniontown on Saturday.

The estate, which consists of real estate, coal land, stocks and bonds, is to be divided equally among the widow, Mrs. Anna Dixon, and four children, Misses Mary Clare Dixon, Gertrude Dixon, Dr. John C. Dixon, all of Connellsville, and James L. Dixon of Meyersdale. The will names Dr. John C. Dixon, James L. Dixon and Miss Mary Clare Dixon the executors. It was drawn up in 1911 and witnessed by Thomas Daley and Martin Gannon.

The Central Hotel property was one of Mr. Dixon's most valuable piece of real estate.

Library Report.

The February report of the Carnegie Free Library submitted this morning by Miss Margaret Whitema, librarian, shows a total circulation of 7,061. The reading room was used by 371 persons and 303 persons used the reference room.

Attorney-at-Law.

GEORGE M. HOSACK, ATTORNEY-at-law. Office, Suite 1109 Park Building, Pittsburg, Pa. Telephone 1942.

SAVE FIRST

Experience proves that the simplest and surest way to save is to place something in the bank just as soon as you are paid.

In other words, SAVE FIRST.

Then live on what is left.

Many who follow this plan are building substantial accounts with this strong bank.

Better give it a trial.

$1 Starts an Account. Liberal Interest.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK
"The Bank That Does Things For You"
120 W. Main St., Connellsville.
Checking Accounts Invited.

YOUGH TRUST COMPANY,
CONNELLSVILLE, PA.
Capital ..... $ 200,000.00
Surplus and Profits ..... $ 38,000.00
Resources $1,350,000.00
FOUR PER CENT. PAID ON SAVINGS ACCOUNTS

THE LOYAL SAVER.

The man who saves judiciously is loyal to himself and family. He not only looks ahead but plans well for future requirements. He has a growing bank account. Start an account with the Union National Bank.

CONNELLSVILLE, PA. (WESTSIDE) 4% Interest Paid on Savings Accounts.
UNION NATIONAL BANK,
WEST SIDE CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

GRANULATED LIME

Our Alfalfa Brand Granulated Lime is a high grade agricultural lime. It sweetens the soil, thereby increasing both quality and quantity of the crop. It is sold in best quality paper sacks and can be applied with a fertilizer drill.

Our prices and terms are very reasonable.

KEYSTONE LIME COMPANY
ELK LICK, PA.

WORKMEN GETTING SLIGO READY FOR EARLY RESUMPTION

Pittsburg Capitalists Take Over the Mill Today and Will Eventually Buy It.

$60,000 INITIAL PAYMENT

That New Company Means Business is Evidenced by Cash Payment to Clinch Deal With Charles Davidson; No Trouble in Getting Men Expected.

A force of men started work Thursday cleaning up the Sligo mill property, north of the city, preparatory to its early resumption under the control of Pittsburg capitalists who took charge of the plant.

The exclusive announcement in Wednesday's Courier that Sligo was to resume the manufacture of iron and later of steel caused considerable comment. The addition of another industry to the city's list, with 125 or more men employed, will be no small part in Connellsville's industrial revival.

That the Pittsburg men mean business was evidenced by the payment of $60,000 to close the deal with Charles Davidson for the lease on the plant. That they will eventually take the property off Mr. Davidson's hands is predicted by men in position to know.

The new company will be known as the Sligo Iron & Steel company. It will be organized and chartered as soon as the details of the transfer are attended to.

Joseph McConnell, who is to be in charge of the plant, stated today that he did not anticipate much trouble in securing men to operate the plant although he admitted the labor shortage is troublesome.

"Do you think it is possible to get the plant in shape for operation in three or four weeks?' Mr. McConnell was asked.

"That is the intention at present," was the reply.

About a year ago announcement was made that Sligo would resume. It developed, however, that the company was merely attempting to junk the mill. An injunction was secured and the plant reverted back to Mr. Davidson. At that time considerable work was done that will go a long way toward getting the mill in shape for resumption now.

BROKERAGE A FRAUD

Postoffice Officials Stop All Letters to Minneapolis Concern.

Notice has been received by the postoffice officials here to the effect that letters to the National Mail Order Brokerage of Minneapolis, Minn., which has been declared a fraudulent concern, will be withdrawn from the mails. The mail order brokerage has worked in Connellsville and cards addressed to the concern are being taken from the mails here and sent to the dead letter office.

Quite a number of local people have been sending letters to the brokerage, it is said. These are not delivered in Minneapolis, being held up by the postal authorities there. Only postcards can be taken from the mail here.

RUSH OF GRANDSONS

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bridegum Hear That Two Have Arrived.

Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Bridegum of East Washington avenue, have received word of the arrival of two grandsons. One was born Sunday to Mr. and Mrs. George McGibboney of McKees Rocks, formerly of Dickerson Run, and on Monday a son arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Evans in Dormont, Pa. It is the first boy in the Evans family, the other child being a girl.

Mrs. McGibboney and Mrs. Evans are daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Bridegum. Mr. Evans was formerly employed by the West Penn Railway Company in this city.

TEMPERATURES VARY.

February a Month of Extremes, Mercury Reaching 70 and 2 Below.

Temperature figures for the month of February given out this morning by C. A. Purbaugh, auditor at the West Penn, show that the month was just as variable as ever, both zero and midsummer weather being represented. The highest figure reached was 70 on the 27th, the lowest, two below zero, occurring on the 5th and the 13th. The average maximum was 45.2, average minimum 23.1, and average mean, 34.1.

In February of last year the highest figure was 72, and the lowest four below. The average maximum was 43.7; minimum, 22.7; mean 33.2.

March came in today like a lamb, hence rough weather may be looked for at the close of the month.

GEESE LOST IN SNOW.

Flock Arouses Ohiopyle Early Wednesday, During Storm.

A flock of wild geese awakened Ohiopyle from its slumbers about 4 o'clock Wednesday morning. Flying over the town the geese seemed dazed by the electric lights. They would light and then take wing, all the time squawking loudly.

It is believed they became lost in the heavy snow which covered that section 14 inches deep on Wednesday morning.

Licensed to Wed.

Andy Marangah of Lemont and Esta Sullivan of Evans Station, were granted a license to wed in Uniontown yesterday

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.

SCHOOLS' REPORT FOR PATRONS' DAY

Detailed Account of Activities in Three Adjoining Townships Given.

F. W. Jones, supervising principal of the Lower Tyrone, Upper Tyrone and Connellsville township schools, last week gave out the following report of Patrons' Day in the schools:

Lower Tyrone, Cochran school, teacher, Miss Martha Gallagher; visitors six; directors one. Tyrone school, teacher, Miss Edna Torrence; visitors 12; directors one. Cochran school, teacher, Miss Goldie Orbin; visitors 16. Taylor school, teacher, Prof. O. P. Moser; visitors 14. Hutstown school, room No. 1, teacher, Miss Edna Conway; visitors 18; directors one; room No. 2, teacher, Miss Ethel Painter; visitors 12. Gault school, teacher, Miss McCormick; visitors three. Florence school, teacher, Miss Katherine Cable; visitors three. St. James school, teacher, Miss Mary Zivny, visitors six. The directors who visited the schools were Stahl Shallenberger and H. G. Colbert. The total number of visits made was 92.

Connellsville township schools, Broad Ford, teacher, Miss Edith Kooser; visitors 21; directors one. Narrows school, room No. 1, teacher, Miss Anna Fette; visitors 15; room No. 2, Miss Mary Hart; visitors six. Washington school, room No. 1, teacher, Miss Ruth Swarner; visitors 18; room No. 2, teacher, Miss Mary Houston; visitors 18. Poplar Grove, teacher, Miss Olive Bloom; visitors 25. Rock Ridge school, room No. 1, teacher, Miss Anita Turner; visitors 45; directors two; room No. 2, teacher, Miss Minnie Murray; visitors 45; directors two. Total number of visits, 194. The directors who visited were George Blackstone, H. D. Shearer and George Baer.

Upper Tyrone township, Kingview schools, room No. 1, teacher, Miss Marian Bell; visitors eight; room No. 2, teacher, Miss Anna Faith; visitors nine; room No. 3, teacher, Miss Beatrice Brown; visitors nine; room No 4, teacher, H. B. Baer; visitors nine. South Everson school, room No. 1, teacher, Miss Mary L. Jones; visitors 16; directors five; room No. 2, teacher, Miss Lettie Dull. visitors five. Broad Ford school, room No. 1, teacher, Miss Pearl Morris; visitors three; room No. 2, teacher, Miss Mary Burkholder; visitors three The total number of visits was 87.

Reports from all the schools in Upper Tyrone township have not as yet been turned in to Supervising Principal Jones.

POLICE RECEIPTS BIG

Mayor's Department Turns Almost $1,500 Into City Treasury.

Receipts from the police department for the month of February almost reached the $1,500 mark, setting a record for the new year. During the month $1,398 was paid into the city treasury. For a short month of the year this is exceedingly good. This with the value of the labor done by the chain gang makes February a profitable month in police circles. A number of raids brought several hundred dollars into the city coffers.

During the month 258 prisoners were arrested, of which 88 were discharged, 45 committed, and 91 sentenced to street work. Ninety-sven paid fines and thirteen constables' prisoners were held.

Cash fines amounting to $452, and license tax, amounting to $935 composed the bulk of the receipts.

HAD GUN IN CELL

Negro Gets Past Police With "38" Under Arm Pit.

Walter Lockett, a Richmond negro who was arrested here by Baltimore & Ohio officers, after he had been found in a merchandise car, helping himself to bags of peanuts, had a 38-calibre revolver with him when he was locked up in a cell at police station Tuesday night. Lockett had a sling over his shoulder with the gun at the end of the sling, under his arm pit, and got past the police. Patrolman George Francis failed to find the pistol. On Wednesday morning Railroad Officer Wilhere discovered the revolver, and a charge of carrying concealed weapons was preferred against Lockett in addition to the one of breaking and entering.

A prisoner seldom gets past the police with a gun, every one being thoroughly searched.

GIVES BAIL

Produce Man Will Stand Trial for Receiving Stolen Goods.

Charles Caplan, charged with receiving stolen goods, in connection with the theft of Street Commissioner William McCormick's chickens, gave $300 bail for court Wednesday, having failed to reach an agreement with McCormick. Alec DeTemple was also held for court by Alderman W. D. Colborn on charges of breaking and entering, but it is likely that his indictment will be quashed, McCormick being unwilling to prosecute him, because of his age.

Caplan, who is a produce dealer, is accused of buying chickens from DeTemple, while knowing that they had been stolen. There was some talk of a settlement, but nothing was accomplished in this line.

Want Parcels Wrapped Securely.

The postal authorities have issued an order providing that parcel post packages for foreign countries must be securely packed. Many complaints have been received, it is said, of parcels arriving at their destinations badly torn up.

Licensed to Wed.

Russell William Kuhns of Latrobe, and Nellie Blanche Swink of Mount Pleasant, were granted a license to wed in Cumberland yesterday.

ODD FELLOWS WILL CHOOSE FROM THREE SITES FOR TEMPLE

Two of the Locations on Fairview Avenue and the Other On Peach Street.

MEMBERS ARE TO DECIDE

William McKinley and General Worth Lodges Will Select Site by a General Ballot; Committee Fails to Come to Any Definite Decision.

At a meeting of the joint committee of the two Connellsville I. O. O. F. lodges, General Worth and William McKinley, Friday it was decided to propose to the lodges three sites, each suitable for the building of a new temple.

Two of the sites favored are on Fairview avenue. One, owned by Lloyd Johnston, is opposite the Trinity Lutheran Church. The other, the Henry Porter property, is opposite the high school building. The third site is the old Cooley property on Peach street, owned by A. S. Silcox.

The choice of the ground for the building of the Odd Fellows' temple will be put up to the lodges at once by the committee. General Worth lodge received the report at its regular meeting Saturday. The results of the committee's meeting were explained to William McKinley lodge on Tuesday night, when that body held its regular session.

The committee of the two lodges had hoped to agree upon some one site as the best and to recommend that. The members were unable to get together, however, and were at last forced to recommend the three properties named and to leave the choice up to the full lodges.

The joint committee had also hoped to make some recommendation as to the cost of the proposed new temple, but when it was found impossible to agree upon a site, the subject of cost was dropped for the time being. All seemed to think that it was best to get the ground first.

WIRELESS CLUB MEETS

Chorpenning Delivers Lecture on Action of the Audion.

C. M. Chorpenning, instructor at the Coke Center Radio Club, Thursday evening delivered a lecture on "The action of the Audion," telling wireless enthusiasts of the latest device for detecting wireless signals, at the monthly business meeting and weekly lecture in the club room on North Pittsburg street. Plans were made for the erection of a long distance receiving aerial to be swung at right angles to the present aerial, and bills accumulated during the month were ordered paid.

Next Thursday night Mr. Chorpenning will lecture on "The Production of High Frequency Oscillations," and all persons interested are free to attend. A public lecture on the wireless will be held in the near future under auspices of the club.

COMES HERE TO WED

Mrs. Carmela DiLella Spina of Italy Is Bride of Joseph Paforta.

Mrs. Varmela DiLella Spina, sister of Gennaro Spina, proprietor of a West Crawford avenue shoe shop, who arrived in this country about two weeks ago on board the liner Joseph Verdi from Italy, was married at 12:30 o'clock Monday afternoon to Joseph Laporta, an Adelaide merchant. The ceremony was performed in the Yough Trust company's foreign department by Alderman W. D. Colborn.

The bride arrived in Connellsville a few days after disembarking in New York. Her first husband died several years ago. Her new husband is said to have six children and is reputed to be well to do. His wife died a short time ago.

Laporta and his bride were childhood playmates at Mirabello Sannitico, Italy.

EXTEND CAMPAIGN

K. O. T. M. Will Continue Membership Contest Throughout March.

The membership campaign of the Yough Tent, No. 159, Knights of the Maccabees, will be continued throughout the month of March. This was decided at a meeting of the lodge held Thursday evening. There have been so many applications for membership that could not be investigated in time for the closing of the campaign last week, that the contest will be open for another month.

The Maccabees' objective was 100 members in 90 days, but this mark was reached before the scheduled close of the contest.

FRACTURES ANKLE.

Mrs. Rushton of Dawson Trips Over Toy Wagon and Falls.

Mrs. Abe Rushton of Dawson fractured her left ankle Tuesday evening when she stepped from the kitchen door of her home into a toy wagon standing on the walk outside, causing her to trip and fall. Her son, James, had been playing with the wagon and he left it standing near the door. When his mother stepped out she did not see it in the darkness.

Mrs. Rushton suffered a bad fracture as a result of the fall but she is resting easy today.

Appointed to West Point.

Thomas M. Crawford, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Allen Crawford of Dawson, has been recommended by Congressman Robert F. Hopwood as principal appointee to West Point from this Congressional district.

DAWSON MAN HAS NO CHICKENS; GETS AN EGG EVERY DAY.

From time to time stories come to light of hens which lay twice in one day. Inasmuch as hens at certain periods seem to have an aversion to laying at all, this double output in a day by a hen is always worth a box on the front page.

Far more remarkable, however, is the report of a Dawson resident who declares he hasn't any chickens at all but finds an egg every day in his stable.

BULLSKIN PUPILS MAKE GOOD MARKS

Seventeen Students Pass Second Quarterly Tests With Percentages.

The honor roll of the Bullskin township schools, based upon the second quarterly test, shows a remarkable record of efficiency achieved by the pupils. Seventeen scholars, representing the eighth and sixth grades, made from 95 to 100 per cent. They are as follows:

Eighth grade—Paul Truxal, Susie Landa, Wade Bowser, William Spanggy, George Solomon, Katie Spanggy, Geneva Wadsworth, Stanton Wadsworth, Leona Ritenour.

Sixth grade—Nellie Brown, Annie Snider, Earl Brown, Senell Kaufman, Denver Ulery, Alex Geneski, George Brooks, Thomas Boring.

Those making a grade of from 90 to 95 per cent are:

Eighth grade—Helen Junick, Clyde Fisher, Norman Washabaugh, Millard Wilson, Henry Coughenour, Hannah Hays, Eugene Rhodes, Joseph Husak, Harry Wingrove, Mary Knopsnider, Elizabeth Daniels, Florence Grim, Jean Kuhns.

Seventh grade—Oliver Beal, Sadie Landa, Elizabeth Landa, Claude Hemminger, William Long.

Sixth grade—Mary Bates, Blanche Brown, Alice Detwiler, Ruth Weaver, Lola Detwiler, Jacob Miller, Samuel Craig, Mary Kinneer, James Means, William Beal, Frances Landa, Viola Santore, Cecil Tinkey, Clyde Keefer.

Fifth grade—Leroy Harshman, Warden Means, Milton Hoke, Arthur Wessel, Clarence Wingrove, Wilmer Berg, Charles Raygor, Frank Kuhns, Reed Kuhns, Beatrice Truxal.

Those graded at from 80 to 90 per cent are

Eighth grade—Mabel Raymond, Ruth Leonard, Irene Sheesman, Hannah Auel, John Means, Nellie Crosby, Ora Wingrove.

Seventh grade—Josephine Minerd, Lena Bailey, Emma Horner, Braden Wingrove, Andrew Kornock, David Snider, Elsie Nickelson, Robert Leighter, Dorthy Snider, Ray Detwiler, Ralph Stillwagon, Margaret Lincoln, Arnold Huey, Harold Huey, Ruben Knopsnider, Lloyd Keefer, Elizabeth Poorbaugh, James French, Ohie Berg, Fred Hays, Dewey Boyer, Sherrick Gilbert, Fannie Shaffer, Mary Kozak, James Weidman, Lorina Grimm, Joseph Freshnaler.

Sixth grade—Alma Stout, Francis Woodruff, Margaret Junick, Braden Lilly, Paul Davidson, Jacob May, Orlo Medsgar, Pulierine Gillet, Spurgeon Solomon, Mildred Rhodes, John Auer, Elsie Craig, Verne Junick, Alfred McLaughlin, Stella Richey.

Fifth grade—Katie Gherki, Mabel Shultz, Homer Swink, Mary Hillen, Mary Stillwagon, Annie Brown, Ruth Basinger, Annie Syblesky, Ruth Tinkey, Eugene Keefer, Helen Weisel, Ella Jean Jones, Alverda Wingrove, Laura Bowser, Edith Spanggy, John Spanggy, Grace Means, Samuel Echard, Charles Weidman, Arthilla Richter, Fannie Etling, Pearl Fisher, Mason Wadsworth, Edward Goswick.

AFTER MERCHANTS

Chief Determined They Shall Pay License Tax Without Delay.

Chief of Police B. Rottler said this morning that on Monday he would begin to visit the merchants who have not paid their licenses for 1917, due January 1, and either collect the money or arrest them.

"The mayor is determined to stop this business of dragging out license payment for six months or more," the chief said. "I have rounded up practically all the teamsters and haulers now, at his orders, and merchants wishing to avoid arrest will have to pay up at once.

"Make that strong," he told the reporters, "for I mean it."

Chief Rottler remarked, incidentally, that he believed Connellsville's license fee should be raised since the tax here was so low that it seemed to slip everybody's mind. "Nobody bothers about paying these small sums," he said. "That's why we have so much trouble collecting them."

STORES TO MOVE

Crowley-Mestrezat Company Gets a Crawford Avenue Location.

Changes in the locations of several of Connellsville's business establishments will be made within the next few months. One of the most important is the removal of the Crowley-Mestrezat Shoe Company from its North Pittsburg street store to the room now occupied by the Penn Office Supply Company, formerly Thomas & Brown's. The Crowley-Mestrezat firm will move on May 1.

Just where the Penn Office Supply will go is uncertain, it was stated there this morning. Three good locations have been offered the owners and they are considering them all.

The store room in the Kobacker property on Main street, formerly occupied by Huston's drug store, is being remodeled, the changes being now nearly completed. Indications are that it will be occupied shortly.

Bob Jones at Zanesville.

The Bob Jones Evangelistic Party, which conducted a campaign here last winter, is now at Zanesville, O

GRAND JURY WILL PASS ON PLAN TO IMPROVE BAD ROAD

Commissioners Propose That Rest of Pennsville Highway be Paved.

YOUGH BRIDGE GOES OVER

Grand Jury Will Not be Called on to Pass Upon Necessity for New Span at Fayette; Towzey Case to be Tried If a True Bill is Returned.

UNIONTOWN, March 3.—The county commissioners' proposal to pave the state road from Chamberlain to Pennsville by agreement with the State Highway Department whereby the state is to spend a similar amount on some other county road, will be one of the things submitted to the grand jury next week. This road is now in an atrocious condition and residents of that section are insisting that something be done to improve it.

When the grand jury convenes it will not be called upon to decide the necessity for a bridge over the Youghiogheny river between South Connellsville and Dunbar township as a part of the much advertised "direct to Dunbar route." Although there was a petition presented to the court several weeks ago, signed by some of the most prominent business men and capitalists of Connellsville, asking that the report of the county viewers favoring the construction of the proposed span be resubmitted to the grand jury, there will be no action taken next week. The court at the time the petition was presented, at the request of attorneys representing the petitioners, granted a rule upon the county commissioners, requiring them to show cause why the report of the viewers should not be again submitted to the March grand jury.

The county commissioners filed a demurrer to the rule granted by the court. This action of the commissioners was misconstrued by many persons in Connellsville and Dunbar township. The commissioners were regarded by these persons as opposing the bridge. Their contention was, however, that they were not parties to the action before the court and that the rule, according to law, should not be directed to them. It is true that a bridge across the Yough cannot be built without the sanction of the county commissioners, but before the question is presented to the commissioners it must have the approval of the grand jury and the court. The commissioners declared that since the proposed bridge had not been approved by either the grand jury or the court, that they have no jurisdiction in the matter and that it is not for them to say whether the report of the viewers shall be submitted to another grand jury for action.

After the demurrer had been filed by the county commissioners by County Solicitor Linn V. Phillips, the matter was placed on the argument list. In the great amount of business that has come before the judges during the last few weeks the matter has not been reached, and it is now considered that it will be impossible to have the question argued, a decision rendered and the question submitted to the grand jury on next Friday at which time proposed roads and bridges will come before the grand inquest for action.

So far there has been no action taken by the court upon the proposed bridge across the Yough in Perry township at Layton.

Of much interest in Connellsville is the trial of Raymond Towzey, on a charge of robbing the Adams Express company at Dunbar of $676 on last December 5. The information charging Towzey with the offense will be presented to the grand jury next week and the case is scheduled to be tried the latter part of the second week of the March term. Unless the trial list is congested, it is expected that the Towzey case will come up for trial on March 14 or 15, should the young man be indicted by the grand jury.

GET CONTRACT TO GRADE FOR BRIDGE

A. I. Anderson & Brother Will Build Piers for Span at Fayette Station.

The contract for the grading work and erection of concrete piers and abutments for a new steel viaduct to replace the present trolley bridge over the railroad tracks at Fayette has been awarded to A. I. Anderson & Brother, who have already begun the work. The contract for the bridge itself has not yet been let. The Anderson company will not do this part of the work, a member of the firm stated Friday, as it is "out of their line." The Andersons are excavating for the Western Maryland yards now under way at Fayette.

The contractors are clearing for a landing to the east of the yard, about 50 feet south of the present landing. The west landing will also be 50 feet to the south of the present one.

The viaduct will be about 1,000 feet long, and will be constructed by the West Penn and the Western Maryland. The structure will be elevated 32 feet above the Fayette landing and about 75 feet above the Pennsylvania tracks. The bridge will cross all railroad tracks, the trolley track next to Merrell, and after passing under the O & B. shortline will rise gradually. The West Penn line will swing southward after crossing the railroad tracks by way of the new viaduct and come into Dunbar at the greenhouse.

Coal Distributed.

Two cars of coal passing through Dunbar Friday night, suddenly burst open, strewing the coal along Railroad street from McGee's crossing to the lower end of the town.

BOY SCOUTS NOT SOLDIERS

Members of This Organization Not Liable for Military Service as Some Parents Have Feared.

The Boy Scouts is not a military organization, and the scouts are not committed to any distinctive military operations, A. O. Stone, scoutmaster of the second Connellsville troop, pointed out today, after having heard that some mothers feared their boys would be pledged to enlist if they joined the scouts.

In regard to this, "Scouting" says: "The organization will not need to change its program and policy, which has been followed since its foundation. Its repeatedly announced primary concern in the physical development of the boy will stand the test. As a national organization no distinctive or definite part will be taken in any military operations. No local organization will have such authority. Indeed, for any local organization to commit the Boy Scout movement to any distinctive military operations would be in violation of the trust reposed in us by the parents of the boys who have permitted them to enroll with us for character and citizenship training."

Testimonials for the scout movement by two local pastors follow:

I regard the Boy Scout movement as an exceedingly important and helpful agency of the church in work among boys. There are no more crucial periods in our lives than the one through which we pass at the boy-scout age. If our boys can then meet the tests of life successfully, they are reasonably sure of developing into strong, trustworthy men.

From one to six a boy is governed by his instincts rather than his intellect and will yield ready obedience to authority. From six to 12 their early instincts and directions tend to fix habits of life, from 12 to 16 he is wonderfully responsive to manly ideals. And wise fathers and mothers will strive to compass his life at that time with ideals that are of the best.

Here is where the Boy Scout law proves its worth. Any boy who can be persuaded to be a good scout and shape his conduct in harmony with the 12 points of the scout law, trains himself in principles of character that are bound to make him a good citizen.

I do not favor the use of the boy-scout system for military ends. The highest ideals of manhood are the ideals of peace.

REV. ELLIS B. BURGESS.

I heartily approve of the organization known as the Boy Scouts and commend its work. Its purpose makes for higher manhood; its principles are ennobling and uplifting and, as a result, its popularity among boys and their parents must greatly increase. It stands for what is helpful to the boy, gives zest to his life and directs his activities into channels that should lead to a useful career. It deserves the support of all those who want the best for the boys.

REV. J. L. PROUDFIT.

REVIVALS HAVE TO BE DEFERRED

Rev. G. W. Buckner Will Not Be Able to Come From England For Campaign Here.

Revival meetings in the Christian church, which were to have been conducted by Rev. G. W. Buckner of England, father of Rev. C. C. Buckner, pastor of the church, have been indefinitely postponed. It was planned to have the elder Buckner here for services the first part of April but word from him was to the effect that he could not come until the latter part of the month.

Realizing that this would be too late in the year for a campaign, Rev. C. C. Buckner wrote to his father proposing that they exchange pulpits for a period of six months, the son to go to South Fort, England and the father to come here. This letter was mailed on February 14 and Rev. Buckner believes that it went down with the Laconia, which sailed from New York on February 18 with 5,000 bags of delayed European mail.

At first Rev. Buckner cabled that he would come the early part of April. In a letter, however, he stated that he would not be able to get here until the end of the month.

BOOM YALE LAW SCHOOL

J. A. Veech and Several Attorneys Lead Campaign For Students.

Alumni of the law school of Yale University who reside in this section, with James Veech of Connellsville leading, have begun a movement for the enlistment of new students into the New Haven school. Mr. Veech is a member of the alumni advisory council and Attorneys R. W. Playford and A. Plumer Austin of Uniontown are other graduates of Yale. These men, together with several other Fayette lawyers, are fostering the movement.

Mr. Veech insists that it does not cost a great deal to be educated in the Yale law school, and that the advantages are wonderful.

FIRE MARSHAL LEAVES.

Lowers Departs After Spending Week Investigating Blaze.

State Fire Marshal J. G. Lowers left Connellsville Thursday night after spending nearly a week here investigating the fire at the home of Mrs. Steve Borza, South Connellsville, on the morning of February 5. It is presumed that the supposed incendiary origin of the blaze could not be proven.

Marshal Lowers put a boy through the third degree on Tuesday night, but his further activities seemed to develop nothing.

SIGNS OF SPRING

Wesley Baer Brings Bottle of Garter Snakes and Tells of Frogs.

Wesley Baer of Wheeler, brought a bottle containing three garter snakes he had caught in the Wheeler coal pit into the city last night to convince local people that Spring will soon be here again. The largest was about a foot long.

Green frogs have also been seen at Wheeler, he reports. If these don't mean an early spring, what would?

Advertise in The Weekly Courier.

CAN BRING PRICES DOWN

By Refusing to Buy The High Priced Foods, is the Suggestion of The State Food Commissioner.

Urging a boycott of expensive foodstuffs, especially potatoes, State Food and Dairy Commissioner James W. Foust yesterday conferred with agents in the Pittsburg district at that city Wednesday. The only way to bring down the price of potatoes is to do without them until April 1, Mr. Foust said.

"If every home would quit using potatoes until April 1 and if hotels would take them off their menus the price would soon drop to $1.50 a bushel," he said. "Any and every family can do this. Use some substitute; there are plenty of them."

Commissioner Foust said there are plenty of potatoes, but they are being held for top price. There are also plenty of onions and other commodities, he declared, but these also are being held. The commissioner expressed regret that the bureau of which he is the head is not invested with the power and facilities for handling such a situation as exists in the food market today.

"There is a shortage," he declared, "but it is by no means as great as it is made to appear."

Reports show that 3,505,654 bushels of potatoes are held in the hands of Pennsylvania producers, according to the best information of the State Department of Agriculture. Fayette county is reported to have 30,110 bushels, Somerset 87,282 bushels, Westmoreland 62,707 bushels and Greene 10,041.

Fayette county is reported to have 660 dozens of eggs in storage, as well as 16,857 pounds of butter and 19,581 pounds of cheese.

The following figures will give an idea of the price received by the grower and the price paid by consumers, as of February 26, 1917: Potatoes—Grower $1.30 bushel; consumer, $3 and $3.25 a bushel. Apples—Grower, $2.04 a barrel; consumer, $3 to $5.50 a barrel. Cabbage—Grower, 3 cents a pound; consumer, 10 cents a pound. Onions—Grower, $1.50 a bushel; consumer, $3 to $5 a bushel.

The 1916 yield of principal vegetables in Pennsylvania follow: Potatoes, 18,564,000 bushels; onions, 74,000 bushels; sweet potatoes, 98,000 bushels; beans, 10,152 bushels; cabbage, 21,580 tons; peas, 70 per cent of the normal crop, and tomatoes and sweet corn, 75 per cent of the normal crop.

DUSHANE BUILDING FOR A CITY HALL

City is Offered North End Property for $15,000; Has Some Advantages.

A proposal of the DuShane estate's property on Witter avenue and Fayette street as the site for a new city hall has occasioned some comment, both favorable and unfavorable, upon the choice of this ground. Though council has not discussed the proposal as yet, it will in all likelihood be considered when the subject of providing a new municipal building is brought up again.

The property is a large piece of ground, 220 feet on Meadow lane, 291½ on Witter avenue, 195 on Fayette, and 305 on the alleys at the west end of the site. A large brick house, with four rooms on each floor, is situated on the Witter avenue side. J. D. DuShane, representing the J. M. DuShane estate, offered the entire property to the city for $15,000.

It is the idea of those backing the plan to have the city turn the grounds into a public park, and to erect the city hall at one end of the property. A slice could be cut off the ground at the Meadow lane side, making that thoroughfare as wide as Johnston avenue, and really running Johnston avenue on through to Witter avenue.

Council could use the house now on the grounds as an office building for a time, if unable to erect a new city hall at once. The rooms could be converted into a council chamber, and six offices could remain.

The objections to the plan are that the site is too far from the center of town, and that a fire station erected there would be as unsatisfactory as the present West Side fire house, since the Pennsylvania railroad crossing would be between the station and the business section.

The advantages are that it is an extremely large piece of ground, from which a park could be provided, giving Connellsville a real civic center, and that the property could be secured at a comparatively low figure. Mr. DuShane, anxious to sell the ground all at once, instead of in lots, in order to settle up the DuShane estate, even proposed to take care of the bonds which the city would likely issue to cover the expense.

SELL MANY "WAR CRYS."

Local Salvation Army Corps Has High Position in Contest.

According to the latest issue of the War Cry, official organ of the Salvation Army, the Connellsville command, under Captain Louis N. Phelps, has entered the rank of the "champions" in a contest in selling copies of the War Cry.

The Connellsville soldiers are selling 206 copies a week, and any figure over 200 gets a corps into the champion class. The highest figure recorded is 750, Troy, N. Y., leading the list. Uniontown has a mark of 75.

Appreciates The Courier.

Miss Margaret Richter, who is visiting her uncle, J. William Richter in Birmingham, Ala., in a letter written to her mother states that during her visit she has appreciated nothing more than The Courier which she received daily. Miss Richter also writes that the weather in Birmingham is ideal. She expects to return home about May 1.

BIG STAMPEDE OF PIG IRON BUYERS IS BEING FEARED

By Conservative Interests in The Trade Because of Prices.

ALREADY WIDE VARIATION

In the Different Producing Districts Having About Same Costs of Production; The Cost of Coke Will Prove a Big Factor; Unprecedented Condition

There is grave danger of buyers of pig iron being stampeded at this time, says the American Metal Market There is also danger in buyers not covering and thus not securing their iron. For prompt delivery, of course, there is nothing but for the consumer to consider his business and decide whether it will pay him to pay for a small prompt price at which contract iron is due him.

As to purchases for the second half the case is altogether different. The consumer must consider not only the prospects in his own business, whether prices he expects to receive will justify paying prices asked for pig iron. He must also endeavor to apprise the pig iron situation as to its prospective prices.

Pig iron buyers have stampeded before and caused very sharp advances in the market, but usually this has occurred only after the great bulk of the deliveries for a certain period had been taken up at the lower prices. In this case we have it that several months ago there were very sharp rises in market prices, with no large tonnage sold, while now, with nearly all the second half business still to be done, there is a second rise in progress. In other words, with many buyers there would be two rises between purchases. Valley foundry iron, for instance, sold at $18, Valley, for the first half of this year, while now it is quoted as high as $36 for second half. We believe there is some offered at much less, but those who quote $36 do not seem to care. Only a stampede would cause a buyer to pay twice as much on one contract as on the preceding contract.

That the market is in danger of a stampede is shown by what has occurred already, pig iron prices in different districts are entirely out of line with each other, and prices of different grades likewise out of line. There is evidence that no Valley basic iron amounting to any tonnage has sold at about $30, furnace, yet Valley foundry iron for prompt shipment has been quoted at $35 to $38 for some time, and now $36 seems to be the minimum. The cost of production is about the same. Evidently it is a case of getting what the buyer will g. That is not a good market on which to buy a large tonnage.

The average price of pig iron at furnace between 1907 and 1915 was considerably less than $15. It was not sold continuously at a loss or the sellers would no longer be in business. Costs have mounted but legitimate costs are hardly up to $20. If the furnace pays a fancy price for coke, and thus makes a book cost of above $20 it is not a legitimate cost.

For a buyer to approve a purchase of a large tonnage of pig iron for second half delivery at $30 to $35 means that the prospects of prices going much higher than these figures are so great as to outweigh the possibility of the market breaking. Granting that the prospect is such the buyer takes a chance as to whether he will receive all his deliveries on time, also the great chance whether with such altogether abnormal industrial conditions as would produce double fancy prices on pig iron he will be able to operate his plant and sell his product. It is all untrodden ground, with no precedents. As a rule it is bad business to make a contract when all the chance are that either the buyer or the seller is going to be dissatisfied with the bargain when the time comes.

COKE SUBSTITUTE

Chicago Foundrymen Using Refuse of Oil Refineries in Emergency.

Shortage of coke for foundry use has brought to the attention of Chicago foundrymen a substitute that has served well and has been sought eagerly, says a correspondent of the Daily Iron Trade. It is the residue left in the still when oil is refined. Its trade name is petroleum carbon and it is sometimes called coke. In appearance the material is much like coke, cellular and of light weight. It contains 95 per cent and higher of carbon, and about 0.025 of sulphur while the ash is practically nothing.

The residue has been sold in the past principally for domestic use in stoves and furnaces and as the total supply in Chicago is about seven cars a day, each car containing about 25 tons, its application is limited. Foundrymen who have tried the fuel mixed with coke are well pleased and if more were available it would grow to be an important fuel.

Tests show an efficiency of about 16,000 British thermal units. It is selling at about to $7.50 per ton, delivered, Chicago.

Lehigh Order Suspended.

The Interstate Commerce Commission has entered an order extending, until sometime subsequent to a decision by the Supreme Court, the effective date of a previous order divorcing the boat lines of the Lehigh Valley railroad on the great lakes from that railroad.

To Build Benzol Plant.

The Colorado Fuel & Iron Company has closed a contract with the H. Koppers Company for the erection of a benzol plant in connection with its coke ovens

MOBILIZING COAL MINES

War Department Operating Through the Geological Survey to Secure Data as Origin of Production.

In order to have information with regard to mines producing coal in a form which will be of most service to the War Department, in case it should call for it, the Geological Survey is rushing a re-compilation of its list of coal mines. At present, coal mines are classified as to states. They are now, to be classed, in addition, on a railroad basis. In time of war, it would be necessary to have information regarding all the mines along a certain line of railway. Even under normal conditions there is frequent demand for this information and such a reclassification of the coal mining lists of the Survey has been under contemplation for some time.

The War Department would have to rely heavily upon the Geological Survey for information as to the production of coal and other minerals in case of war. The only complete information regarding these matters possessed by the government is in the hands of the Geological Survey. It is recognized that one of the most necessary steps which would have to be taken, if active military operations should become necessary, would be an arrangement whereby all by-product coke ovens could be kept continuously supplied with coal. Since the Survey has complete information as to the sources of supply for all by-product ovens, it would be in a position to be of material aid to the War Department in case the mobilization of the country's resources should be demanded.

Insistent demand for more detail in the monthly coal statement issued by the Geological Survey will be complied with to as great an extent as possible in the future. In showing the points of origin of coal, it is necessary to make arbitrary grouping of states, due to the fact that the data is furnished by railroads. Thus it is necessary to show in one group the coal originating in the states traversed by the same line of railroad as it is impossible to secure a grouping by states from the railroads when it is necessary to have the information as promptly as required for the monthly coal statement.

SOME TRAFFIC RELIEF REPORTED

Milder Weather of Last Week Made It Possible for the Railroads to Handle More Trains and Cars.

The American Railway Association, in report of traffic conditions, notes that due principally to the fact that mild weather made it possible for the railroads to do more nearly a normal amount of work in the yards, the freight congestion at Buffalo, Cincinnati, Pittsburg and similar interior points, was greatly relieved last week.

Trunk line railroads, the New York Central, Erie, Baltimore & Ohio, and Pennsylvania, are making progress in sending west trainloads of empty cars. The commission on car service has asked the railroads of the country to give preference at all times to shipments of foodstuffs and other supplies for domestic consumption.

Reports received up to February 27 show that progress is being made in forcing freight cars to those sections where car shortage is most acute Railroads which have a large excess of equipment will be called on for explanations as to why they have not taken steps to reduce the number of cars on their lines.

Reports on accumulations of freight in cars show that in all sections of the country on February 17, the latest date for which data has been received, 168,496 loaded cars, about 6½ per cent of all the railroad freight cars in the United States, were being held for various reasons, principally because of weather conditions and embargoes.

RAILROAD EARNINGS

Showed Decreases in December as Compared With Previous Years.

Railroad gross earnings in December totaled 262 million dollars compared wth 242 million dollars in December, 1915, and net earnings totaled 83 million dollars compared with 56 million dollars in December a year ago, a decline of 4%. The reason for the decrease in net earnings may be observed in the fact that operating expenses for the month aggregated over 23 million dollars more than in December, 1915, and totaled 179 million dollars.

Gross earnings reports are now at hand for all railroads in this country for 1916 and show a total for the year of 3,654 million dollars compared with 3,106 million dollars in 1915, a gain of 18%. The gain in gross earnings was shared by all classes of roads and all sections of the country. Gross earnings for 38 railroads in January totaled 72 million dollars compared with 62 million dollars in January of last year, a gain of 16%. Both the cotton and the grain movements were markedly less than in the initial month of last year.

By-Product Situation in Chicago.

The by-product coke situation in Chicago continues, The Black Diamond declares, to be practically impossible. The ovens, as indicated, are running short of coal and are having some difficulty to produce. Practically no spot coke is for sale, but such of it as does come through sells readily at from $11 to $12 a ton at the ovens.

Fear Coal Famine.

Coal dealers in Washington fear that the rush of passenger traffic to Washington for the inauguration will interfere so seriously with the movement of coal that a famine will result.

Catsburg Mine Resumes.

The Catsburg mine on the Monongahela river resumed last week after an idleness of two and one-half years.

Coal Freight Rates

TO EASTERN POINTS	ORIGINATING DISTRICT.			
Rate per Gross Ton of 2,240 lbs.	C'ville Pitts'bg	W'moreland Fairmont	G'burg	Latrobe
Destination				
Baltimore, Md.	$2.00	$1.95	$1.70	$1.60
Chester, Pa.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Harrisburg, Pa.	1.70	1.65	1.40	1.30
Johnstown, Pa.	.85	.60*	.60	.45
Lebanon, Pa.	1.90	1.75	1.60	1.50
New York, 11th St.	2.25	2.10	1.95	1.85
New York, Brooklyn	2.35	2.20	2.05	1.95
Philadelphia, Pa.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Sparrows Point, Md.	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Steelton, Pa.	1.72	1.57	1.42	1.32
South Bethlehem, Pa.,	2.10	1.95	1.80	1.70
Syracuse, N. Y.	2.15	2.00	1.85	1.75
To ATLANTIC PORTS via P. R. R.				
Greenwich, Pa.	1.75	1.60	1.45	1.35
Greenwich, Pa., for Export	1.85	1.50	1.35	1.25
So. Amboy, N. J., F. O. B Vessel	1.95	1.80	1.65	1.55
Harsimus, N. J., F. O. B Vessel	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Greenville, N. J., F. O. B. Vessel	2.00	1.85	1.70	1.60
Canton, Baltimore, Md	1.75	1.60	1.45	1.35
Canton, Md. for Export	1.58	1.43	1.28	1.18
To ATLANTIC PORTS, via B. & O				
St. George, N. Y., Coal Piers	2.25	2.10		
St. George, N. Y., for Export	1.95	1.80		
Philadelphia Coal Piers	1.75	1.60		
Philadelphia, for Export	1.65	1.50		
Curtis Bay, Balto., Piers	1.75	1.60		
Curtis Bay, Balto., for Export	1.58	1.43		

*The rate from the Fairmont District to Johnstown is 75c.

The Connellsville Rate applies to shipments from points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale, from points on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston and points on the Monongahela River railroad.

The Fairmont Rate on shipments via the Baltimore & Ohio applies to shipments from points east of Sutersville, Pa., from points on the Smithfield & Masontown Branch and from the Fairmont Region of West Virginia.

TO WESTERN POINTS.	ORIGINATING DISTRICT.		
Rate per Net Ton of 2,000 lbs.	Pittsburg	Connellsville	Fairmont
Destination			
Canton, O.	$0.95	$1.10	$1.05
Chicago, Ill.	1.90	2.05	1.90
Cleveland, O.	1.00	1.15	1.15
Columbus, O.	1.00	1.15	.90
Detroit, Mich.	1.30	1.35	1.40
Indiana Harbor, Ind.	1.90	2.05	1.90
Toledo, O.	1.25	1.40	1.25
Youngstown, O.	.70	.55	.95
Lake Ports	.75	.90	.90

The Pittsburg District includes points east as far as Latrobe and south on the Southwest Branch to and including Ruffsdale south to and including Brownsville and Brazzell on the Pittsburg, Virginia & Charleston railroad, eastward to Dawson on the Baltimore & Ohio railroad, and eastward to Dickerson Run and southward to and including Brownsville on the New York Central lines

The Connellsville District includes points on the Southwest Branch of the Pennsylvania railroad south of Ruffsdale, on the Pittsburg Virginia & Charleston except Brazzell and all Monongahela River railroad points New York Central points east of Dickerson Run, including Connellsville Transfer, and points on the Baltimore & Ohio Dawson to Point Marion, Pa.

RIST TIPPLE FIRE MAY MEAN CLOSING DOWN OF PLANT

Coal Nearly Worked Out, Frick Company Undecided Whether to Rebuild Works.

80 MEN ARE OUT OF WORK

Several Thousand Dollars Damage Caused by Blaze About 9.30 O'Clock Last Night; Bin Takes Fire and Company Firemen Do Good Work.

Fire thought to have been caused by a spark falling into the bin of the Rist tipple of the H. C. Frick Coke company at Broad Ford last Friday, burned the bin and part of the tipple, causing damage to the extent of several thousand dollars and throwing between 75 and 80 men out of employment for the present.

The fire began about 9.30 o'clock and was not entirely extinguished until about 6 o'clock Friday morning.

The flames got a good start and the company fire department gave up trying to save the bin and directed their efforts to the boiler house and engine room. The flames began to eat their way down the long trestle but were halted by the firemen

The fire started at the top of the bin and ate its way down into the coal. To stop this the bottoms of the bin were dropped out and the coal let down on the tracks. There were 100 wagonloads of coal in it at the time but only one was lost.

The coal at the Rist plant is about worked out, there being only about a two months' supply left. Whether the tipple will be rebuilt or whether the works will be abandoned has not yet been decided by the Frick people. There are 60 ovens at the plant and these will also be abandoned if the tipple is not replaced. The coal has been expected to work out within a few weeks and it would not be a profitable move to build the tipple for only a little coal.

The company will take care of the employes, and if the plant is shut down permanently they will be employed at other works.

The fire drew a large crowd, many automobilists from this place driving down, attracted by the fire whistle at Broad Ford, which could be plainly heard here Broad Ford residents turned out to help fight the fire but their assistance was not needed. The flames from the wooden structure and the burning coal shot high in the air, lighting up the surrounding hills

CAR ORDERS

Fell Off From December and Also from January of Last Year

The railroads of the country ordered 14,095 freight cars in January compared with 16,195 in December and 14,613 in January, 1916 Foreign buyers also purchased 5,500 freight cars in this country during January compared with 6,500 in December and 1,100 in January of last year. January rail orders totaled 360 thousand tons compared with 500 thousand tons in December and 241 thousand tons a year ago.

Locomotives ordered in January numbered 512 compared with 241 in December and 231 in January last year. Foreign interests placed 47 locomotive orders in January compared with 464 in December, while only two locomotives were ordered for export in January, 1916

Will Concentrate Repair Work.

The river coal department of the Pittsburg Coal Company is having 50 of its barges reconstructed into hopper barges, for local trade, especially for Pittsburg, and is also arranging to reorganize its river repair department, since it has sold its boat ways at Riverton near McKeesport and will concentrate its repair work at one of the other points of the upper pools.

OUTPUT OF THE 11TH DISTRICT

Showed a Gain of 1,275,107 Tons Over the Record of 1915; All the Mines Were in Operation During Year.

The report of J. J. McDonald of Greensburg, inspector of the Eleventh bituminous inspector district, which comprises portions of Fayette and Westmoreland counties, shows that the production of the district during 1916 was 9,428,361 tons.

This is an increase in output of 1,275,107 tons over that of 1915 The coal production by pick was 6,556,973 tons by compressed air machines, 735,56- tons and by electric mining machine 2,135,82- tons. The number of men employed were 2,827 outside and 5,25- inside. Twenty companies operated 43 mines in the district; all of these mines were in operation during the year

The production by counties was: Westmoreland, 7,750,678 tons; Fayette, 1,677,663 tons.

There were 17 fatal accidents inside of mines and two outside of mines and 67 non-fatal accidents inside of mines and 12 outside.

The production by companies was as follows:

H. C. Frick Coke Co.	3,584,127
Keystone Coal & Coke Co	1,622,871
Washington Coal & Coke Co.	1,410,346
Jamison Coal & Coke Co.	1,233,850
Greensburg Coal Co.	442,916
Mt. Pleasant Comm. Coke Co.	347,762
Rehsemer Coke Co.	163,503
Clare Coke Co.	105,246
Youghiogheny Coal Co.	93,422
Echard Coal & Coke Co.	62,205
Newcomer Coke Co.	55,943
Veteran Coke Co.	57,103
Penn Mutual Coke Co.	51,740
West Penn Coke Co.	36,822
Mt. Pleasant Coke Co.	32,727
Brush Run Coal & Coke Co.	28,748
Magee Coke Co.	24,091
Connellsville Coke Co.	23,613
Perry Coke Co.	23,136
Northern Penn Coke Co.	19,776
Total	9,428,361

TO AMEND CODE

So As to Provide for Greater Safety on Mine Hoisting Cages.

The bill recently introduced in the Legislature by Representative Lee Smith of Fayette county, to provide greater saftey precautions on mine cages, proposes to amend Section 1 of Article VIII of the bituminous code of 1911 so as to read as follows

"The operator or the superintendent shall provide every cage used for lowering or hoisting persons with hand rails at sides or over head and with chain, bar or gate at ends and with sufficient covering over head to protect persons thereon and shall also provide for each said cage efficient safety catches which shall be tested once every two months and a record of each test shall be sent to the inspector and to the superintendent and also recorded with red ink in a book kept at the mine office for that purpose. Mine inspectors shall have power to compel the adoption of such safety and locking devices on cages used in lowering and hoisting persons as will prevent the accidental tipping of cages The ropes shall be securely attached to the side of the drum of every machine that is used for lowering and hoisting persons or materials into and out of the mine and the flanges shall have a clearance of not less than 1 in when the whole of the rope is wound on the drum and adequate brakes shall be attached to the drum so that the speed thereof can be controlled when men are being lowered or hoisted. An efficient indicator that shall be attached to the hoisting apparatus and an efficient safety device to every engine used for lowering and hoisting persons."

MINE EXAM DATES.

Begin on April 10; Places Are Not Announced.

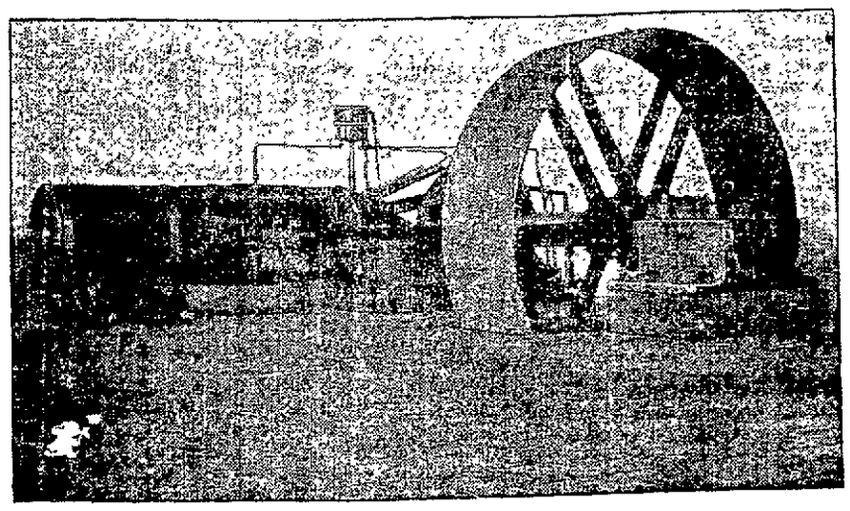
Announcement has been made that the examinations for mine foreman assistant mine foreman, and fire boss, in the several districts, will be conducted on April 10, 11, 12 and 13. The places for the examinations have not yet been made public.

The board of six men who prepare the questions for the examinations met last Friday in Pittsburg and made final arrangements

The Connellsville Manufacturing & Mine Supply Company

CONNELLSVILLE, PA.

Sole Manufacturers of the Lepley Patents and Designs, Covering a full line of Modern High Grade Mine Equipment Machinery.



We have the largest and best equipped mine equipment plant in Western Pennsylvania, fitted exclusively for the production of a high grade product. We manufacture.

Pumps	STEAM, COMPRESSED AIR OR ELECTRIC. SINGLE, DUPLEX OR TRIPLEX PATTERNS. WOOD LINED, BRONZE OR CAST IRON FITTED. FOR MINE, TANK OR MILL SERVICE.
Engines	HOISTING, HAULING OR STATIONARY. FIRST MOTION OR GEARED.
Fans	HEAVY STEEL PLATE CONSTRUCTION FOR HIGH DUTY SERVICE. BLOWING, EXHAUST OR REVERSING. DRIVEN WITH PLAIN SLIDE VALVE, PISTON VALVE OR CORLISS ENGINES.
Air Compressors	SINGLE OR DUPLEX PATTERNS. SIMPLE OR COMPOUND.
Steel Hoisting Cages	PLATFORM AND SELF DUMPING. LARRIES, SCREENS, CHUTES, BULL WHEELS, HEAVY GEARS AND SPECIAL MACHINERY.

We manufacture none but the highest grade machinery, using only the best materials to be found in the market in its construction.

We are also prepared to accurately duplicate promptly any part of any of our machines.

Your inquiries will receive prompt and satisfactory attention.

The Connellsville Coke Trade

is reviewed carefully each week as to production and prices, and any other notable features by the organ of the coke trade for nearly 40 years. Subscribe now. It's a trifle—only $1.00 a year, payable in advance

Address, The Courier Company Connellsville, Pa.

HOISTING AND HAULAGE ENGINES,
80 H. P.—50 H. P. and Larger.
36" and 42" Gauge Mine Cars.
25, 12, 6, 5 H. P. Vertical Boilers.
Compressors, Motors, Pumps Buckets.
JOHN H. CARLIN MACHINE COMPANY.
N. S. Phone Cedar 233.
Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Homer L. Burchinal

Civil, Mining and Municipal Engineering.
627 1st Nat'l Bank Bldg. Uniontown, Pa.

SPECIALTIES:—Construction of Coal and Coke Plants; Development of and Reports on Coal Properties; Highway Construction and Municipal Improvements.

Engineers for 25 independent coal and coke companies in Fayette and Westmoreland Counties, Pa., and Monongalia County, W. Va.

Bell Phone 395. Tri-State Phone 955.

PATENTS

United States and Foreign Trade Marks, Copyrights.

W. G. DOOLITTLE,
PATENT ATTORNEY
Park Bldg., Pittsburg, Pa.

FOR SALE

Stewart timber lands; 4,068 acres, situate on Dunbar creek, Wharton and Stewart townships, Fayette county Pa., timber consists of Oak, Chestnut, Poplar, Locust, Wild Cherry, etc. Address

J. G. CARROLL, Att'y.,
Uniontown, - - Penna.

WM. GLADE WILKINS, C. E. WILBER M. JUDD, C. E.
JOS. M. KUNTZ, Arch't.

The W. G. Wilkins Co. CIVIL AND MINING ENGINEERS.

Rooms 902 to 913 Westinghouse Building, Pittsburg, Pa.

SPECIALTIES—COAL and COKE PLANTS

The following is a partial list of Coke Plants for which the W. G. Wilkins Co. have been the Engineers:

	Ovens.		Ovens.
Hecla Coke Company, Plants 2 and 3	800	U. S Coal & Coke Co., Plants 1, 2 and 3	950
Oliver & Snyder Steel Co., Plants 1, 2 and 3	1,108	Cascade Coal & Coke Co., Tyler and Sykesville Wks.	600
Austin Coal & Coke Co. Plants 2 and 3	420	H. C Frick Coke Co., Yorkrun, Sheaf and Hilmer.	1,000
Colonial Coke Company, Smock	160	Struthers Coal & Coke Co., Fairbank Works	160

J. C. Mechling. E. L. Zearly, M. AM. Soc. C. E.

Fayette Engineering Company

Civil, Mining and Consulting Engineers.

Mine and land surveys. Plans, estimates and Superintendence of construction of complete coal and coking plants, railroads, water works, city paving and sewerage, etc.. Examination and reports on coal lands and mining properties. Valuations.

SPECIALTIES: COAL AND COKE PLANTS.
ELECTRIC BLUE PRINT DEPARTMENT.
661-2 First National Bank Bldg. Bell and Tri-State Phones 248
UNIONTOWN, PA.

J. H. WILKINS RESIGNS.

Head of Semet-Solvay Plant Goes With Another Firm.

J. H. Wilkins, superintendent of the Semet-Solvay Company's plant at Dunbar for the past 10 years has resigned to become general manager of the Allegheny By-Product Coke Company, his resignation taking effect March 1 It is not known definitely as yet where he will have his headquarters.

Mr. Wilkins came to Dunbar from Wheeling, W. Va. His successor there has not been appointed.